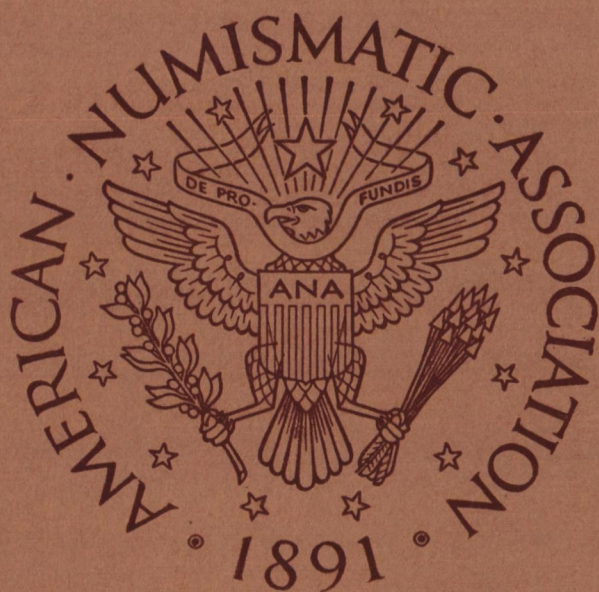


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OF TWO BRONZE COINS FROM ITALY.
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A researcher in the subject gives his views on the identity of the mite and states the reasons for his conclusion.

The Widow's Mite Story

By Wolf Wirgin, A.N.A. No. 18024

(A 1954 Convention Paper)

BIBLICAL numismatics was the driving power all the time behind the research activities of coin collectors, museum curators and historians, who investigated and described the old Jewish coins. The great interest in this particular branch of numismatics is best demonstrated by the constant flow of articles with descriptions of these coins. There is no doubt that each of them contributes to our knowledge of the coins and their history, and is thus greatly appreciated.

Recently, the interest of several authors has been focused to a great extent on a coin type called the "widow's mite." Unfortunately, the information about the mite contained in these publications is rather poor, which is most regrettable, as the facts which were available the past few years are now quite complete, and permit one to identify the mite without difficulty. In order to acquaint the reader with these facts, the story is told in its stages as it came about.

The lowest of the copper coins of the New Testament is the LEPTON (Mark 12,42 and Luke 21,2 the widow's mite; Luke 12,59 "thou shalt not depart thence [out of prison], till thou hast paid the very last mite"). (From *Hastings Dictionary of the Bible*, Vol. III, pp 428-429, "Money," by A. R. S. Kennedy.)

The coin mentioned in these three passages can only be the PERUTAH so often spoken of in the Mishna as proverbially the smallest Jewish coin (so Lk 12,59). In at least two places (Kiddushin i,1, Eddiyy iv,7) it is expressly declared to have been tarified as $\frac{1}{2}$ of the Italian or Roman as, in other words, the half of the Roman quadrans. This agrees precisely with the much discussed note — whether original or mar-

ginal — in Mark 12,42 "two lepta, which makes a quadrans," as it accords with "the unanimous tradition of the Hellenistic metrologists" (Hultsch, *Metr.* 2, 605, n.6).

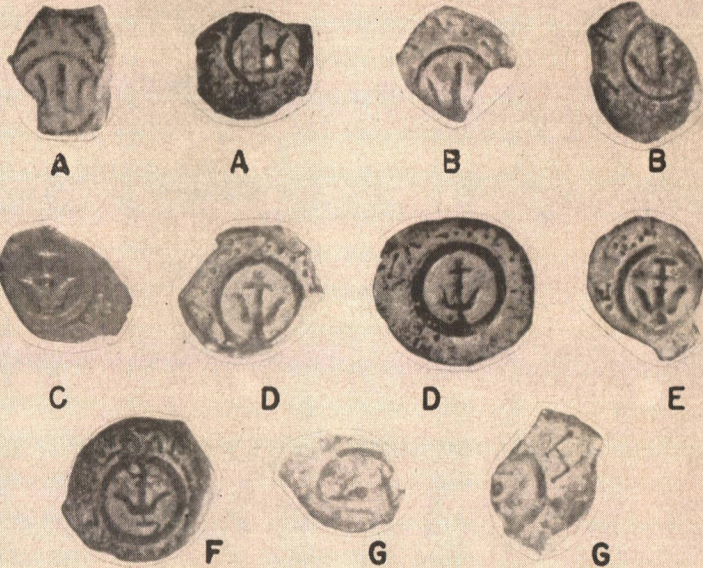
It must be sought for among the minute bronzes of the Hasmonæan and Herodian princes, some of which do not weigh more than 15 to 20 grains. Since it is $\frac{1}{2}$ of the as, or $\frac{1}{128}$ part of the denarius, its legal value was about $\frac{1}{2}$ of an English farthing.

In the *Handy Guide to the Jewish Coins* by E. Rogers (1914), page 77, we find a more precise definition of the widow's mite. There, the author's choice on Kennedy's authority is a coin of the Hasmonæan king, Alexander Jannæus "rather than one of the smaller coins of the Herod Family." The coin illustrated in the book as No. IX,15, is a lepton of the "anchor and star" type (see plate). It is a very common coin, found in enormous quantities in Palestine, while all other Jewish leptons belong to the rare categories of Jewish coins.

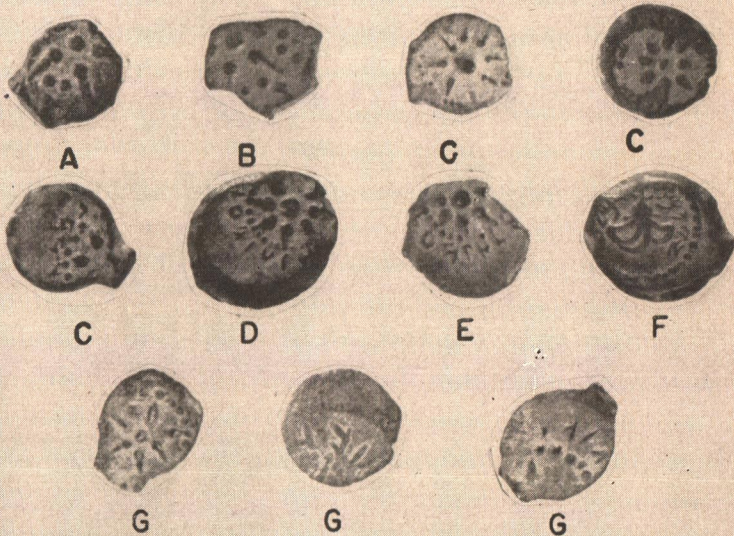
G. R. Halliday in *Money Talks About the Bible* (1948) follows the same path. The picture shown on page 20 of his book is of the same lepton by Alexander Jannæus. Halliday, however, mentions on the following page that "Some students are of the opinion that Maccabæan coins would hardly be found in circulation (some 70 years at least after their issuance) in sufficient quantity for practical purposes at this time. They contend therefore, that the small bronze pieces of the infamous Pontius Pilate were the 'mites' which the widow cast into the Treasury."

Halliday's notice reveals a twofold problem, in which the "mite" is involved. As per Kennedy's

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statement, the small pieces of Pontius Pilate could not have been the "mite" simply because these were not the smallest coins, the leptons. Leptons issued by a procurator, however, do not exist. On the other hand, to that point there is no explanation as to why coins of Alexander Jannæus (the years of this king's reign were 102-76 B.C.) were still in circulation for several decades after their issuance.

As an answer to the above, in the great British Museum *Catalog*, Vol. "Palestine," by G. F. Hill (1914), pages 210-211, the anchor/star leptons are listed as imitations of the anchor/wheel quadranses of Alexander Jannæus. There is no dating of the leptons in the catalog, so it is tacitly implied that the imitations were struck in the time of Pontius Pilate and that they circulated at that time as the current leptons.

Although it is true that these leptons are of very poor fabric and that this is good reason to classify them as imitations, Hill fails to explain why coins have been imitated at the time of Pontius Pilate instead of new, modern coins having been designed; and why a coin type of Alexander Jannæus was selected with preference to be imitated, rather than some other coin type.

It is obvious that at this point we face even more serious problems than those raised by Halliday.

The present writer published in Seaby's *Coin and Medal Bulletin*, 1949, pages 220-222 and 268-271, an article about the coins of King Alexander Jannæus. According to his findings, many more varieties of these coins exist, none of which are in Hill's *Catalog* or are mentioned elsewhere. From the quadrans we have variations with the anchor without crossbar and with one crossbar only; furthermore, these coins come with and without the Hebrew inscription on the reverse (see plate). The variations of the leptons are similarly numerous. There is also a crucial point which is of the greatest importance for our investigation. It is the fact that when properly arranged (see appendix),

the variations present a line of development of their design.

What is so remarkable is the fact that quadranses and leptons show developments, which for all practical means, can be called identical. It is furthermore noteworthy that the quadrans with the flower belongs at the end of the series of leptons, not at their beginning, as arranged by Hill.

As for the imitations, we can easily recognize that they are a class by themselves, as conceived by Hill. However, Hill made a mistake inasmuch as not all the leptons are imitations of all quadranses. The truth is rather that later leptons are imitations of earlier leptons. The imitations go back at least as far as Herod the Great, which is proved by one specimen having Herod's initial. Others bear as inscriptions the last three letters of the name of Julia in Greek (see plate).

Owing to such individual coins, we are able to date back the beginning of the minting of the imitation leptons. But the question remains open, when the minting of the original lepton series started. The fact that the leptons show the same development of the anchor's shape as the quadranses, points to the conclusion that we have before us a twin series, issued at about the same time. However, the coins themselves do not bear any indication as to the time of the beginning of their minting. Besides, we have to ask again, if they have been issued by Alexander Jannæus, why had they been imitated at the time of Pontius Pilate?

The answer to these questions can only be that apparently these coins were not issued by Alexander Jannæus. We are therefore obliged to investigate them from several different viewpoints.

We must take into account the remarkable development of the shape of the anchor, as presented in both series of the coins. It is possible that locally, the development of the anchor as an implement actually occurred during the time when the coins were minted,

and these time lapses would certainly be longer than the reigning time of Alexander Jannæus.

We have to consider also that the reverse of the quadrans has only 8 spaces between the spokes of the wheel, while the Hebrew inscription consists of 10 letters, so that twice, two letters are squeezed in, making the inscription difficult to read. In addition, considering the fact that only a part of the quadranses are inscribed in Hebrew, we must voice sound doubts whether the coin was designed originally with a Hebrew inscription at all. Furthermore, the originals of the leptons have inscriptions in an illegible language instead of Hebrew on the reverse next to the star, and, strangely enough, no two of them are found with identical letters on the reverse.

The following points can be accepted as established facts:

(a) The insertion of the Hebrew inscription onto the anchor/wheel quadranses was a temporary measure only.

(b) The leptons at no time were ever inscribed in Hebrew.

(c) The anchor on the coin is found in four stages of development.

(d) The leptons already were imitated at the time of Herod the Great, and certainly under the rule of the procurators, also.

These basic facts prevent us from believing that our series was originally introduced for minting by the King Alexander Jannæus, while on the other hand, we know of no Jewish king with the same name, to whom we could relate the coins.

Another fact to be considered is that the design of the "widow's mite" as such, was by no means exclusive with the mint in Jerusalem. We have Etruscan coins from the 3rd century, the design of which is basically the same as on our mites (see plate).

It is true that anchors and wheels are found separately on others, even older coins. However, both these symbols as obverse and reverse respectively, on the same coin, appear only on this Etruscan type.

It is furthermore remarkable that other aes grave coins from Italy also have anchors and wheels with inscriptions between the spokes of shape and arrangement which are similar to our Jewish series (see plate).

We must admit that the existence of coin designs so similar to our Alexander series, yet made at a distance as great as that between Jerusalem and Rome is appalling, to say the least. We know of Jewish-Roman relations from the First Book of the Maccabees, but this was about the middle of the second century, B.C., 50 years or more before Alexander Jannæus. The coins from Italy, however, we have to estimate to be 100 years older, at least.

Although we have nothing to show as material evidence, we can safely assume that either the Jewish coin was modelled after the Italian or vice versa, and that the two types came into being at times not too far apart from each other. This means then, that we may date the origin of our Alexander coins back to the 3rd century B.C., provided we have no substantial facts proving a different date.

Conclusion

(1) The great number of varieties, among which one anchor even appears in the shape of a trident, warrants the assumption of a long duration of the minting period of our coins. If this is granted, and if borne in mind that all these types were issued long before and after Alexander Jannæus, the conclusion may be drawn that the name "Alexander" does not refer to the Jewish King Alexander Jannæus.

(2) The fact that an obsolete coin pattern was chosen to be imitated is proof that this design was an old and respectable type, well liked and esteemed by the people. However, the Jewish King Alexander Jannæus was not of such fame or reputation that a pattern of his would have been chosen as the one to be imitated. We learn from the historical report given by Flavius Josephus in *Jewish Antiquities*, that

the memory of his reign was in no way popular with later generations.

(3) Coins with the anchor and wheel on one and the same coin, like the design of our Alexander coins, were made by the Etruscans as early as the 3rd century, B.C. The Jewish and the Etruscan are the only extant coins of this design. There cannot be too great a difference in the age of the Etruscan and the first coins of the Jewish series.

(4) The concurrence of the facts is sufficient to permit the inference that the Jewish coins with the name of King Alexander actually originated during the time of Alexander the Great or shortly thereafter. It thus seems quite probable that the first of these coins was issued in Jerusalem, if not during the time of Alexander, then, most likely, during the rule of the Ptolemies in Palestine.

(5) It is well known that for generations after Alexander the Great, coins with his portrait or pattern continued to be struck, and therefore, it is all the more probable that the Jews followed the general usage. (A present day parallel may be found in the Maria Theresa thaler of 1780 which is still being minted for circulation in Africa and Asia.) The memory of Alexander the Great was vivid among the Jews. For instance, the very popular Book of the Maccabees begins with an account of his deeds (more information on this subject is available in Hastings *Dictionary of the Bible*, Vol. I, under "Alexander III").

(6) Our Alexander coins were, in all probability, struck in a type of semiofficial mint, which was in charge of small currency and responsible for traditional and neutral patterns, as the one described. This

does not imply, though, that the authorities in Jerusalem at times should not also have struck types of their own.

Getting back to our story, we record with satisfaction that the earlier writers were fully justified in their notions of the "widow's mite." It is true that we do not have palpable proof for the assertion that the coin which the widow paid was indeed an Alexander mite; we can, in fact, never expect to have such proof. But, there is no effective reason for disputing the theory as such. This, together with the newly acquired knowledge about the origin of this coin and why it continued to exist through centuries, makes the Biblical archæologist fully contented with the final achievement.

The picture, however, is different from the viewpoint of the numismatist, who is acquainted with the idea that the Jews did not begin with minting of coins before the establishment of the Hasmonæan dynasty (about 139 B.C.) to which Alexander Jannæus belonged. In anticipation of objections from this side, it should be pointed out emphatically how close the problems of the "widow's mite" are related to the Jewish coins of King Alexander. Evidently, their status cannot be clarified, unless we provide for a sound theory of the "widow's mite."

There are no final verdicts in archæology, which, as a science and a humanity, is constantly yielding new, most astounding discoveries in all its fields. Therefore, it is quite possible that progressive methods or good luck will bring to light more new facts relative to our subject. Then, we will have to write another chapter about the "widow's mite" and shall continue its story.

Appendix

Suggested chronology of the Jewish Alexander coins.

The anchor/wheel quadranses in their development from the 3rd to the 1st cent. B.C.

Obverse

(1) Legend in Greek "King Alexander's." Anchor without crossbars.

Reverse

Sun-wheel without Hebrew inscription.

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| (2) Same legend. Anchor with one crossbar. | Same as No. 1. |
| (3) Same legend. Anchor with two crossbars, one above, one in the middle. | Same as No. 1. |
| (4) Same legend. Anchor the same as No. 3. | Sun-wheel with Hebrew inscription "King Jehonathan." |
| (5) Same legend. Anchor with double crossbar in the middle. | Same as No. 4. |
| (6) Same legend. Anchor the same as No. 5. | Sun-wheel without Hebrew inscription. |

The original leptons in their development from the 3rd to the 1st cent. B.C.

- | <i>Obverse</i> | <i>Reverse</i> |
|--|---|
| (A) Anchor in the shape of a trident, without crossbar. Single indistinct Greek letters. | Star with six rays. Dots between the rays. No legend. |
| (B) Plain straight anchor without crossbar. Legend as on A. | Same as A. |
| (C) Heavy anchor without crossbar. Fragments of the Alexander legend. | Star with eight rays within a circle of dots. Sometimes a few illegible semitic letters. |
| (D) Anchor with one crossbar. Fragments of the Alexander legend. | Star with eight rays within a circle of dots. Segments of a semicircular semitic legend (illegible and never matching). |
| (E) Anchor with two crossbars, one above, one in the middle. Legend as on D. | Same as D. |
| (F) Anchor with double crossbar in the middle. Legend as on D. | Flower with Hebrew inscription "King Jehonathan." |

Imitations of the leptons from the 1st cent. B.C. and 1st cent. C.E.

- | <i>Obverse</i> | <i>Reverse</i> |
|---|--|
| (G) Plain straight anchor with one crossbar. On some coins single Greek letters. Note initial of Herod's name in Greek. | Star with six rays within a circle of dots. Sometimes crude letters on one side. Note "LIA" — the last three letters of Julia's name in Greek. |

ROMAN MEDALS. The earliest medals are medallions of ancient Rome, existing examples of which are principally in bronze, though some are in silver and in gold. They vary in size, being mostly about 1½ inch in diameter, but in weight they are so diverse as to exclude the notion that they were ever circulated as money. Medallions, prior to the time of Hadrian, are rare and of great value, one of the most beautiful and most famous being a gold medallion of Caesar Augustus; from Hadrian to the close of the empire they are comparatively numerous. In some of them a ring or rim of lighter-coloured metal (brass or orichalcum) surrounds the centre of bronze, and the inscription extends over both metals. (James Paton in Chambers's *Encyclopedia*, 1891)

IMPORTANT CORRECTION

Elsewhere in this issue of *The Numismatist* is an advertisement for Robert G. Sommers Coin and Stamp Centre in which the first item is listed at \$5.00. Too late, this section being already printed, we were notified the price should be \$45.00.

NATIONAL COIN WEEK, APRIL 23 TO 29

A few more days and National Coin Week for 1955 will be upon us. Have you completed your plans for participation, either as an individual or as part of a club team? There is still time to arrange a display, give a coin talk, get new members for your club or for the American Numismatic Association, or perform some other activity publicizing our hobby.

National Coin Week runs from April 23 to 29. Entry blanks and rules have been mailed to all corporate club secretaries. Individual participation blanks may be obtained from your general chairman, who is also available to help you in whatever way he can. Immediately after the conclusion of the Week, compile your report and submit it within the deadline.

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Obituaries

COL. JOSEPH MOSS, LM 165

It was with a feeling of deep regret that we learned of the death on Feb. 16 of Col. Joseph Moss, Philadelphia, Pa., former president of the American Numismatic Association.



Born in Philadelphia on Dec. 7, 1886, Joseph Moss attended Central High School in that city, and later graduated from the University of Pennsylvania Law School in 1909. He embarked on his career of lawyer shortly thereafter, in which profession he remained active until his death, practicing in partnership with his brother in Philadelphia.

For a time he served in the Third regiment infantry, national guard, and during World War I he was in the First regiment infantry, Pennsylvania reserve militia. In 1934 he was appointed deputy attorney general of Pennsylvania, in 1935 chief counsel for the state department of

banking, and in 1937 a judge of the family court for Philadelphia county. In 1936 he was one of the Democratic presidential electors for Franklin D. Roosevelt. When international conflict broke out again he returned to government duty, serving on the staff of the judge advocate general from 1942 to 1946 and receiving the rank of colonel in 1945.

Col. Moss was a member of more than 20 coin clubs, being Member No. 96 of the Philadelphia Coin Club which he joined in June, 1939. He was Member No. 7727 and LM 165 of the American Numismatic Association and a Fellow of the American Numismatic Society. In his later years he devoted much of his time and energy to the service of the American Numismatic Association, serving on many committees and on the Board of Governors from 1946 to 1949. In August, 1949 he was elected First Vice President of the Association and in August, 1951 was elected its 28th president.

He was a member of the American Bar Association, the Pennsylvania Bar Association, the Philadelphia Bar Association, the American Legion, and a past president of the National Sojourners. Col. Moss was the author of numerous legal and numismatic articles. Surviving are his widow and one daughter.

All of his associates will greatly miss the wise counsel and helpful assistance which they knew Col. Moss was always ready to give, and the Philadelphia Coin Club in particular will miss his friendly presence and the advice and service of one of its most capable and enthusiastic supporters. — J.A.B.

FRANK C. ROSS, SR., A.N.A. NO. 3090

Word has been received of the death in March of Frank C. Ross, Sr., 82, of 15 East 62nd St., Kansas City, Mo. He had been an insurance adjuster for the Groves Brothers Insurance Co. until his retirement in 1949.

Born in Bloomington, Ill., he moved to Kansas City in 1890. For over 20 years he edited the numismatic section of *Hobbies* magazine. To him goes the credit for much research on the 1844 "Orphan Annie" dime. He was a member of the Heart of America Coin Club and regular member No. 3090 of the American Numismatic Association. Although not active in the last few years, Mr. Ross was one of the most ardent promoters of coin collecting and his advice and counsel will be missed by his many friends.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Leah Richmond Ross; two sons, Frank C. Ross, Jr., Edinburgh, Scotland, and David R. Ross, New Orleans; and a daughter, Miss Mary Ross, 5115 Wyandotte St., Kansas City, Mo.

According to our records, the showing in March will wind up our schedule of all the available sets (of Visual Education slides). What have you to offer beyond that time? Our association has been very much interested in these slides and, in the writer's opinion, it is one of the really outstanding accomplishments of the A.N.A. I cannot recommend them too highly for showing by every association which is affiliated with the A.N.A. — Ralph C. Lewis, Cincinnati Numismatic Assn.

COL. JOSEPH MOSS: IN MEMORIAM

Friday, February 18, 1955 dawned clear and bright in Philadelphia and the air gave a hint that winter was on the wane with spring soon to come. Hurrying throngs in the downtown area on Chestnut street swept along ceaselessly. Twelfth and Chestnut streets, the hub of the activity, little sensed the drama that would be played that day.

In a building on the corner, high up, a spacious office streamed with sunlight, the large desk, with carefully arrayed documents divided into finished and unfinished business, seemed lonely. A strangely somber silence pervaded the atmosphere. The magic touch that would have caused the room to glow with action was missing. A white card was on the door.

Far off church bells sounded, whistles denoting a city girding for another day's battle for survival pierced the air, the hum of the working city increased in intensity and the minutes and hours sped by. Noon hour came and went. Far out on North Broad and 12th streets people began to form in front of a handsome edifice. It soon became evident that last rites for someone of prominence were to take place. Legionnaires with their colorful flags arrived, prominent legal and civic officials mingled with high rank army officials, senators, congressmen, state officials, relatives, friends. On the tower of a building far away the clock registered the time 1:30 p.m.; inside the beautifully decorated chapel every pew was filled, crowds stood in the aisles, the overflow extended out into the street. Up front in the chapel was a bronze casket; the simple marker read "Colonel Joseph Moss."

"Colonel Joe" as he was known to most of his intimates, had reached the end of the enforced march of life. The low inaudible murmur of voices suddenly hushed as the dramatic voice of Rabbi Wise in English and Hebrew eloquently filled the sacred confines. The soft strains of the organ in the background accentuated the deep meaning of the beautiful service. The Rabbi's counsel to the family, his exhortation of the gentleness of the Creator of us all, his benediction on the departed and the assemblage, impressive and devout, followed by his leading the recessional in prayer, was inspiring.

As I stood outside as the cortege formed, thoughts of "Colonel Joe" ran through my mind. His friendly counsel and the innumerable hours spent with him and his family will always be cherished. With Louis Werner and Philip Neufeld I awaited the cortege's start; we represented the organization "Colonel Joe" loved, the American Numismatic Association. Time and again he came to the Association's rescue when legal aid was needed. He gave unsparingly of his valuable time, guided its destinies as president and performed many acts of kindness for many members, that will live on in memory.

The official car of Rabbi Wise with its purple and white sign "Funeral" came in sight, a few hurried words and we three became the guests of Rabbi Wise to Mount Sinai Cemetery. On the way the Rabbi spoke of "Colonel Joe" and his family and of his own congregation of 1,650 families.

Out past the industrial part of Philadelphia we went, in half an hour we arrived at the gateway to the cemetery, some 20 minutes before the cortege arrived. This gave us the opportunity to listen to Rabbi Wise

on the founding of the cemetery of four acres over a hundred years ago. The funeral cars arrived and slowly the pallbearers carried our beloved Joe to the grave. There the flag of the United States was held over the grave while the Rabbi softly intoned the commitment to the grave. In the distance long rows of houses stretched, new and glistening. Philadelphia was growing and part of that growth could be attributed to the man who was entering his last resting place. Husband, father, lawyer, judge, patriot, statesman, he had nobly contributed.

The interment service was over, the funeral party departed, and once again the stillness of the cemetery prevailed. Softly the shadows deepened, night fell, for "Colonel Joe" had been laid to rest evermore. May perpetual light shine on him in the presence of God. C.H.R.

NOMINATIONS REPORT

In accordance with the announcement in the March issue of *The Numismatist*, nominations for officers for the 1955-57 years opened on March 25 and will close on June 24. Persons named below were nominated for the offices shown prior to the closing date for this issue. Additional nominations and names of the nominators will be reported in the May, June and July issues.

Nominations may be made by any regular, associate, life or junior member, including clubs affiliated with the Association, and must be submitted in writing to the office of the General Secretary. Nominations will be acknowledged by publication in *The Numismatist* but nominees will be advised by letter and requested to accept or decline the nomination in writing.

Care should be taken by members to nominate persons properly qualified for the offices for which they are nominated. The Executive Board, under Art. III, Sec. 7 (1) may remove from office any elected or appointed official who cannot meet the requirements of his office. The July issue will include a brief statement of the personal history and qualifications of each candidate. Members should read this carefully before marking their ballots.

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DR. LHOTKA RECEIVES THE NEWELL AWARD

The Edward T. Newell Memorial Award was established in 1953 to encourage, stimulate and recognize the study and publication of articles on ancient coinages, and to perpetuate the memory of that great scholar of ancient numismatics. Mr. Newell was, for many years, the President of the American Numismatic Society and the author of numerous works on classical and ancient coinages. He held Life Membership No. 9 in the A.N.A. His untimely decease was in 1941.

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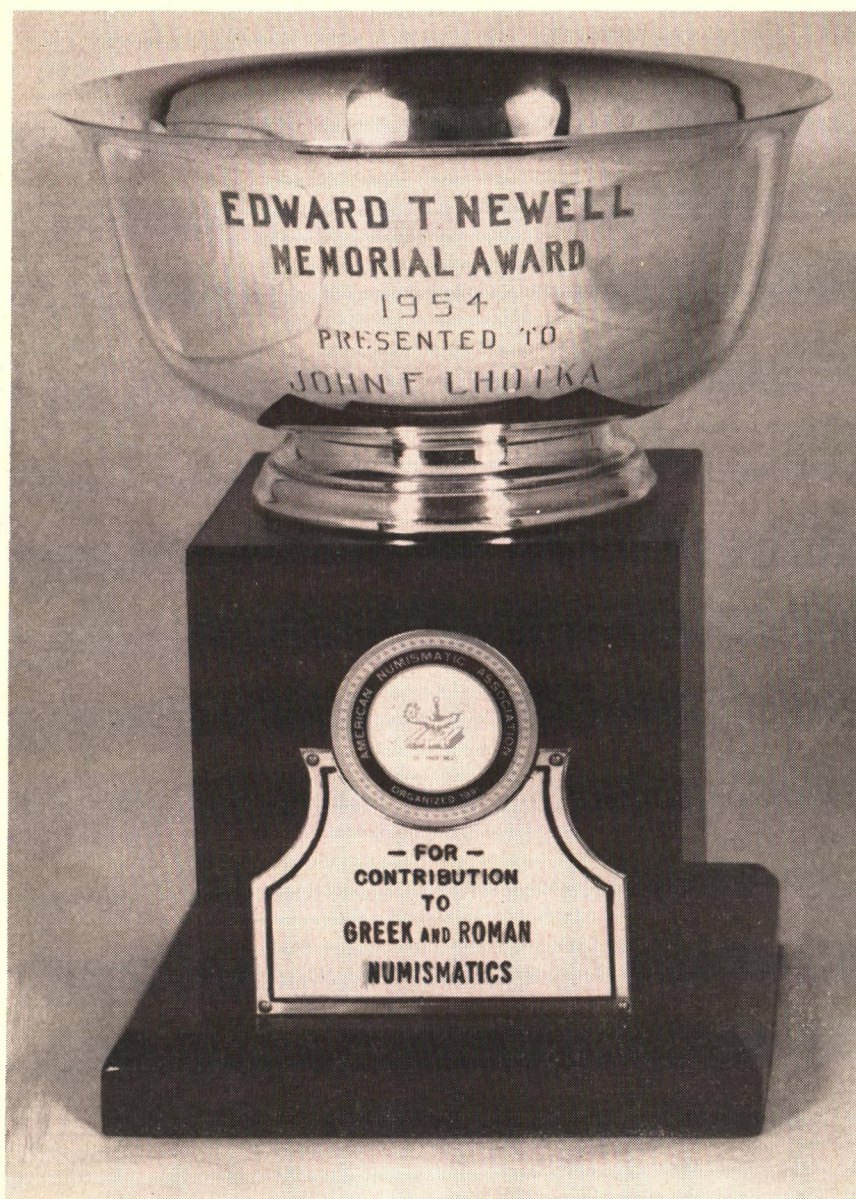
Dr. John F. Lhotka receives the award for 1954 from the hands of General Secretary Lewis M. Reagan in an impressive ceremony at the February meeting of the Oklahoma City Coin Club. Dr. Lhotka is the immediate Past-President of the Club.

one or more articles in *The Numismatist* during the preceding year of recognized merit on ancient numismatics, with the first award to be made for work appearing in 1954.

The committee met on December 28, 1954 and examined all work on Greek and Roman numismatics published in 1954 and voted unanimously to make the award to Dr. John F. Lhotka, Jr., of Oklahoma City, Okla., for his series of articles on East Roman Coinage. The Executive Board designated General Secretary Lewis M. Reagan as the official to make the presentation, and it was done on February 22, 1955 at the regular meeting of the Oklahoma City Coin Club.

Dr. Lhotka is a Professor of Medicine at the College of Medicine of the University of Oklahoma and is a numismatic scholar of first rank. He has been a member of the Association since 1951.

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The Edward T. Newell Memorial Award, consisting of a sterling silver cup, suitably inscribed, on an ebony base, as shown.

INTRODUCTION TO EAST ROMAN COINAGE

PART IV. CONCLUSION

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Moslem-Byzantine Coinage

ALTHOUGH oriental and not Byzantine, the Arab imitative coinages of the seventh century are of some interest to the East Roman collector since it is entirely possible these coins might be encountered from time to time. Because of this, the collector should be able to recognize them for what they are since they are often of some value.

When the Arab hordes swept across the near east early in the seventh century, the inhabitants were still essentially an uncultured people. For the first time in Arab history the invaders found themselves faced with the problem of governing large populated areas possessing a complicated commercial life. The simple village economy that had sufficed for the Arab tribes before was completely unable to handle this new problem. As a consequence, the Arabs were forced to adopt many of the economic forms of the conquered territories, among them money.

Generally, the Arabians merely copied the coins of their victims, using the Byzantine gold and bronze and the Sassanian Persian silver coins for their models. These early Arab imitations can usually be distinguished from their true counterparts by the inclusion of Arabic legends and by minor modifications in the designs. The imitations in bronze, the commonest of the Byzantine types, are classically copies of the Heraclian coinage. Two coins clearly illustrate the point. Fig. 1, from the A.N.S. collection, is an Arab-Byzantine bronze based on a 40 nummia piece of Heraclius. The obverse is occupied with a standing figure of the emperor (some writers prefer to call him the "Caliph" in these cases) holding the traditional long sceptre. The reverse contains the standard block "M" denominational mark. The Arabic legends indicate that this coin was struck at Damascus. Figure 2, also from the A.N.S. collection, shows a typical "three standing Augusti" Heraclian coin but the presence of Arabic legends indicate that it, too, is of Moslem origin. The block "M" again appears as the reverse type and the legends show that this particular coin was struck at Tiberias in Syria.

Finally in 695, the Omayyad Caliph Abd-al-Malik (685-705) ordered the striking of a nationalistic coinage and discontinued the Byzantine and Persian imitations. The new coins differ completely from the old in that all figures are replaced by Kufic legends on both obverse and reverse. Although there is some question in this regard, no nationalistic Arab coins dated prior to the year 76 A.H. have been found to date so Abd-al-Malik can be considered the father of Arab coinage.

Later during the Seljouk Turk domination of Asia Minor, other imitative Byzantine coins were issued bearing typical Byzantine types. The Virgin crowning the emperor was popular and the seated figure of Christ was actually used. Again, Turkish legends show the true origin of the coin. These coins are not particularly common and the average collector will seldom meet them. For additional information, the reader is referred to the *Catalogue of Oriental Coins in the British Museum*, the *Catalogue of Oriental Coins in the Royal Museum in Berlin*, and Marsden's *Numismata Orientalia* (London, 1823).

Condition

Although some note was made earlier on the miserable condition of the average Byzantine coin, especially the bronzes, some further comment would probably be of value. For some reason, collectors always compare the stylized and often grotesque East Roman coins with the excellent portrait coins of the early Roman empire or with the equally artistic coins of the Renaissance. This is really quite unfair and to obtain a real picture of Byzantine coinage it is necessary to compare these coins with their contemporaries from western Europe. When a coin of, say, Constantine III, is placed along side of a sesterius of Nero, it does indeed appear to be a miserable example of numismatic art. However, when this same coin is compared to a Lombard or Visigothic tremissis, or to a Merovingian denier, its artistic superiority becomes apparent.

In the classification of condition in Byzantine coins, the standard gradings of "vf" down to "poor" are not quite valid since the average Byzantine bronze rarely rates above "good" and probably is not even entitled to this low classification. Because of this, the author, in the classification of his own Byzantine coins, has adopted another system of grading which might be of interest to other collectors since it reflects more correctly the real status of any particular coin, both as regards condition, and what is more important, rarity. The lowest grade is *unidentifiable*, (U), and is self-explanatory. The next higher grade is *acceptable* (A) and corresponds to the standard condition grades of "poor" and "fair" and to "common" in the rarity scale. *Desirable* (D) is above *acceptable* corresponding to "good" and "very good" and to "scarce." *Very desirable* (VD) corresponds to "fine" and to the lower degrees of rarity, while *extremely desirable* (ED) is used to denote the ultimate in both condition and rarity. Thus using this system, it is possible to have a common bronze coin of Justinian I in fine condition rated as *very desirable* and a "poor" coin of Tiberius III of some rarity given the same or even a higher classification.

The following illustrations might help to illustrate these points. Figures 3 and 4 (obverses of solidi of Constantine III and Constantine IV) show the condition of the average gold Byzantine coin. In most cases, gold follows most closely the standard classifications since coins that were not choice were melted down. Figure 5 (a miliaresion of Constantine VII and Romanus II) shows a "very fine" silver coin classed as "ED." This same coin in "very good" condition would still be *extremely desirable* since it is rare and in demand as one of the few coins bearing the name of Romanus II.

The bronze coins however, show the weakness of the standard rating scale. Figure 6, a 40 nummia piece of Justin I, is typical. The legend is not complete, the bust and denomination mark are worn, and the style is crude and heavy. To the average collector, it is obviously a "junk box" candidate. Actually, however, this coin is not bad at all and can safely be classed as *acceptable*. Figure 7, a 40 nummia piece of Tiberius II, in spite of its apparent "good" to "very good" condition is almost *very desirable*. Its mint mark (CONB - Constantinople) and regal year (uI - 7 or 580/1 AD)¹ are sharp and easily read and the obverse legend can almost be read in its entirety. Figure 8, a 40 nummia piece of Heraclius, a "fair" coin at the best according to the standard rules, is really *very desirable* because of its rarity. This is because the three figures standing on the obverse depict (from right to left) Martina, the second wife of Heraclius,

1. The figure "u" in this case stands for the numeral "6" and dates the coin as being struck seven years after Tiberius had been admitted to the government by Justin II and not seven years after the death of Justin. If the top of the "u" had been open rather than almost closed, it would have represented the numeral "5."



Figs. 1-2. Arab-Byzantine. Fig. 3. Constantine III solidus, obv. Fig. 4. Constantine IV solidus, obv. Fig. 5. Miliaresion of Constantine VII and Romanus II. Fig. 6. 40 nummia of Justin I. Fig. 7. Bronze of Tiberius II. Fig. 8. Bronze of Heraclius. Fig. 9. Bronze of Constantine III. Fig. 10. Bronze of Constantine X.

then the emperor, and finally his eldest son, Heraclius Constantine. The presence of Martina enhances the value of the coin greatly.

Figure 9 is a 40 nummia piece of Constantine III, "very good" at the best, which again is *very desirable*. Note the grotesque little figure which is typical of the coins of this period. Incidentally, Byzantine coins with the "script" 40 nummia mark "m," rather than the block mark "M," can usually be assigned to either Tiberius II or Focas if of large module, and to Constantine III if of small module and of a clipped appearance. Finally in figure 10 we have a bronze of the 11th century showing Constantine X and his wife Eudocia standing on the obverse with Christ standing on the reverse. Although this coin can hardly be classified any better than "good," it actually is *desirable* since it is in better condition than the average such specimen.

Comments

In any work of length, it is inevitable that some errors will creep into the text despite all precautions to the contrary. This paper has been no exception. To date (June, 1954), three principle classes of errors have appeared and some explanation might be indicated. The first class of errors might be called "errors of generalization" and are inherent in any survey article. To every rule there is always an exception and Byzantine coinage is no deviant from this maxim. In the effort to reduce a vast amount of data to its commonest denominator, it was frequently necessary to make sweeping statements of fact which might not have been 100% correct. However, if note had been made of every exception to any particular rule, the paper would have been reduced to a myriad of fine details and the very purpose of the article would have been lost. The general approach would have been replaced by an academic dissertation and the grandeur of the coinage buried under a mass of petty, and often unimportant, facts.

The second error type, and the most serious, are the errors of fact. Unfortunately, a compiler is no better than his references and, in a few cases, errors of this type have been made. First, on page 12, line 16 (Jan., 1954, *Numismatist*), it was noted that the name of Antioch was changed to Theopolis by the emperor Zeno. Actually this name change took place in the early days of the reign of Justinian I and a few of his coins bear the ANT form of the mint mark rather than the later THEUP. Then, in Appendix VII-III, Part I, Tiberius III was credited with ordering the mutilation of Justinian II. Actually this took place immediately after his downfall in the reign of Leontius. Also, conflicting dates of reign were given in the text for Constantine IX and Theodora. The correct ones are in Appendix VI, Part I. Finally, on page 1296 (Dec., 1954, *Numismatist*), the sign for the 12 nummi should be XII, not XXI.

Errors of typography and oversight also are found in this paper. Some of these were intentional since it was necessary to simulate the Greek alphabet with Latin letters in the text since the proper forms were not available to the printers. Thus the letter "N" was used to indicate the Greek "pi," "O" was used for "theta" and "W" for "omega." Fortunately typographical errors have the tendency to correct themselves through repetition and need not concern us further. The errors of oversight are similar to those of typography in this respect. The majority of them resulted from failure to complete parts of stylized letters in the legends, the deficiency of a cross bar to an occasional rounded Byzantine letter "E" being the most common one. Also the failure to place the stylized "d" before several of the obverse legends of Constantine III and Constantine IV falls into this category. However, none of these is serious and all are easily found and corrected when the paper is read in its entirety. If any doubt exists, the reader can always consult the recommended texts. The important thing to keep in mind in that this is a survey paper and not a *magnum opus* of

Byzantine coinage. The legends given are only representative and not a complete listing in any case.

Acknowledgements

In conclusion, the author would like to thank the many individuals who assisted him in the preparation of the paper: the staff, especially Dr. George Miles and Henry Grunthal, of the Library and Museum of the American Numismatic Society, for providing some valuable information and for allowing the author to use Society coins as illustrations; the late Prof. A. A. Vasiliev, professor of Byzantine History at Harvard University for assisting with the historical data required for the background of the article; P. K. Anderson of Gotebo, Okla., for encouragement in preparing this paper, for the complete freedom of his library, for assistance on the Visigothic Byzantine imitative coinages, and for reading and commenting on parts of the manuscript; Louis Huber of Minneapolis, Minn., for the freedom of his library, and for reading and commenting on parts of the manuscript; Dr. Roger M. Berg of Bismarck, N. D., for allowing the author to examine the Byzantine coins in his collection; Edward Gans of Berkeley, Calif., for information, not obtainable elsewhere, on the coinages of Justinian II and Marcian; the editors of the *Encyclopedia Britannica* for their review of certain aspects of the Antioch-Theopolis problem; Stuart Mosher, Editor Emeritus, and Elston G. Bradfield, Editor of *The Numismatist*, for their complete cooperation and valuable suggestions during the preparation of the paper. Finally, the author would like to acknowledge the deep debt he owes the late Hugh Goodacre whose fine text, *The Handbook to the Coinage of the Byzantine Empire*, did so much to first interest him in this fascinating numismatic series. It is a source of real regret that this book has been allowed to go out of print and thus remove from circulation probably the greatest impetus to Byzantine numismatics since the turn of the century.

California Convention This Month

The 16th semi-annual convention of the California State Numismatic Association will meet from April 28 to May 1 in Oakland's Hotel Claremont. Friday night's forum will be composed of Frederick Montegale, who will speak on "The Carson City Mint and Its Coins"; Leslie Lenz and Kenneth Peterson, whose talks are on "The Workings of the Federal Reserve System" and "Counterfeits and Their Detection."

Gilbert D. Eaton, general convention chairman, will preside at a

breakfast Saturday morning. The banquet is Saturday evening and luncheon Sunday. Leo A. Young will conduct auction sessions at 2 p. m. Friday and Saturday. Exhibit chairman is Roy Hill, 1140 Sutter St., San Francisco 9, Calif. Ed Fogler is handling bourse space at \$15 per dealer. Room reservations should be made directly with the hotel.

Dr. N. A. Bowers of Atherton is CSNA president. Robert G. McArthur of Oakland is secretary-treasurer.

Father of Paper Currency. Abraham Clark, signer of the Declaration of Independence, because of his presumed influence in introducing Continental currency. He was opposed to the unrestricted issuance of paper money, however.

— Appleton's *Cyclopedia of American Biography* (1888)

The Eisenhower Medal



THE LATEST addition to the presidential series of medals is the Eisenhower medal. A handsome work of art, it is the product of the combined talents of Chief Engraver Gilroy Roberts, who fashioned the

likeness of the president on the obverse, and his assistant, Frank Gasparro, whose artistic endeavors are reflected in the very impressive reverse design. Pres. Eisenhower received his medal from Treasury

Secretary Humphrey at the weekly cabinet session of Dec. 10, 1954. The Secretary also gave one to each cabinet officer. The medal, illustrated by the courtesy of Director of the Mint W. H. Brett is three inches in diameter and of bronze.

On the obverse the head of the president is forceful in its simplicity. Around the portrait is the inscription DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER. (The Herbert Hoover, F. D. Roosevelt, and Harry Truman medals bore both the names and PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.)

In the center of the reverse is an idealized interpretation of the female figure of Freedom which stands on the dome of the United States capitol, overlooking the entire nation, represented on a frieze in the background. (The original statue, erected in 1863, is 19 feet six inches high, weighs 14,985 pounds and cost \$23,796.82, exclusive of

erecting in place. The statue was designed by Thomas Crawford. He received \$3,000 for the plaster model which was executed in his Rome studio.) The scene to the right of the figure depicts the eastern half of the United States with farmer plowing the soil and city buildings visible beyond the hills. To the left are the pioneering forefathers, blazing the westward trail in covered wagons, with the Rocky mountains rising in the distance. Under the frieze is the inscription UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; around the rim the words INAUGURATED PRESIDENT JANUARY 20, 1953.

The Eisenhower medal is the 34th in the series that began with George Washington. The entire series is available from the Superintendent, U. S. Mint, Philadelphia 30, Pa. for \$2.50 per medal, including shipping charges. Send money order, cashier's or certified check; personal checks are not acceptable.

CENTRAL STATES MEETS IN DETROIT

The Statler Hotel in America's Motor City will soon be bulging with numismatists if advance registrations for April 29 to May 1 are any indication. For that is the time when enthusiastic members of the Central States Numismatic Society descend on Detroit from four directions for the group's 13th annual convention.

Ivan C. Ebeling, president of the host club and general chairman of the convention, reports that his hard working committeemen have the stage set for a memorable meeting. C.S.N.S. president is C. C. Shroyer.

So far 49 dealers from 15 states and Canada have reserved bourse space. Hotel reservations should be

directed to Harold L. Bowen, 818 Lawrence, Detroit 2. Paul F. Schilling, chairman of the program committee, has arranged special entertainment for the ladies. Benjamin F. Smith, exhibits chairman, says winning exhibitors will be awarded trophies. James Kelly of Dayton is conducting a 2,000 lot auction.

Michigan's Detroit (not Texas's) has many attractions for visitors, among which are the automobile plants, the Institute of Arts, the Henry Ford Museum, Veterans Memorial Building and Greenfield Village. The last two C.S.N.S. conventions broke bourse and attendance records, but Publicity Chairman Don Lacey points out that Detroit's motto reads in part "We hope for better things."

The showing of Visual Education slides in the 1954 National Coin Week program was educational, fun for us and it helped us win our second award. Please reserve the following for our use this year. — Francis S. Jones, San Diego Numismatic Society.



A.N.A. CONVENTION COMMITTEES

Lloyd B. Gettys, past president of the A.N.A., has put in a lot of time and effort the past two years, laying the groundwork for your convention coming up next August. Make your plans now to attend and enjoy a wonderful week in Omaha.

Raymond J. Larson, president of the Omaha Coin Club and general chairman of the convention, appointed a Committee on Committees to carry out the work of appointing a large group of Omaha and Lincoln collectors to serve on the various committees. Dr. R. Thornell Mauer, chairman, and Dr. C. F. Schmidtman, cochairman, submitted the following appointments:

Welcoming Committee: A. J. Pilmaier, chairman; assisting members, W. A. Gill, Kenneth S. Dorr, L. A. Hensley, Dr. R. T. Mauer, J. J. Cotton, John Gallup and Joseph E. Ward.

Public Relations and Publicity Committee: Elmer G. Nelson, chairman. Two assisting members are to be appointed later.

General Entertainment Committee: Addison W. Wilson, chairman.

Ladies' and Children's Entertainment Committee: Mrs. J. Hewitt Judd, chairman; Kiki Judd, cochairman. Assisting members are Mrs. A. E. Bebee and Mrs. Addison W. Wilson.

Bourse Committee: Lewis M. Reagan, chairman; Wm. W. Cole, cochairman.

Maintenance, Lighting and Exhibits Committee: John J. Gabarron, chairman; Ray Moulton, cochairman.

Badge Committee: Lloyd B. Gettys, chairman. Assisting members are A. J. Pilmaier and Alfred B. Moore.

Printing Committee: Harry H. Redman, chairman; F. L. Catlin, cochairman.

Registration and Information Committee: Glenn M. Wiggins, chairman. Assisting members are Earl O. Streeter, Hazen D. White, M. E. LaBounty, R. L. Lawrence, Arthur C. Patow, and Louis W. Kroeger.

Banquet Committee: Alfred G. Blaufuss, chairman, and Anton H. Branstad, cochairman.

Planning, Budget, and Advisory Committee: Gilbert E. Haase, chairman and treasurer. Assisting members are Dr. J. Hewitt Judd, Raymond L. Larson, Gordon C. Staab, Dr. C. F. Schmidtman, A. J. Pilmaier and Dr. J. C. Follman.

Auction Committee: Aubrey E. Bebee.

Here are the people who will work hard to make your week at the 1955 A.N.A. Convention, a very enjoyable one. Every member of the Omaha and Lincoln Coin Clubs will be doing their best to make your stay in Omaha one that you will not soon forget.

Remember the A.N.A. Convention August 24th-27th, 1955, at the Hotel Fontenelle in Omaha.

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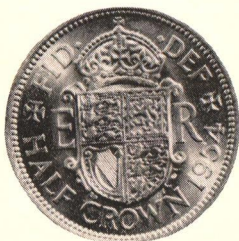
National banknotes retired from circulation and destroyed totaled 237,189 pieces for an aggregate amount of \$3,671,774 in 1953.

NEW OR RECENT ISSUES

Described by Ernst Kraus

It is the important duty of *The Numismatist* to record and illustrate all new issues. Members, both in the United States and abroad are invited to submit new issues to Ernst Kraus, 2006 Benson Avenue, Brooklyn 14, New York. The coins will be photographed and returned as soon as possible. A credit line will be given to every new issue described.

Great Britain



Half Crown, 1954. Copper-nickel. Obverse: Head of Queen, right. Inscription: ELIZABETH II. DEI GRATIA REGINA. Reverse: Crowned arms between E. R. value and date below, inscription above: FID. DEF. (Vernon L. Brown, Curator, The Chase National Bank Museum of Moneys of the World)

Iraq



4 Fil, 1953. Copper-nickel. Obverse: Head of King, right, inscription: FISAL THE SECOND, KING OF IRAQ.

Reverse: Value in inner circle, Christian date 1953 at left, Muhammedan date 1372 A.H. at right. Inscription in upper panel: THE KINGDOM, in the lower panel: IRAQ. Scalloped planchet.



1 Fil, 1953. Bronze. Similar but round planchet. (Lauren Benson)

Kutch



1 Kori, 1948. Silver. Obverse: In center: trident, crescent and dagger, samvat date 2004 below. Devanagari Inscription around: MAHARAO SRI MADANA SINHJI, KUTCH. Reverse: Inscription on top: JAI HIND (Victorious India) value—KORI EK, BHUJ. (Mint). (Lauren Benson)

Malaya and British Borneo



50 Cents, 1954. Copper-nickel. Obverse: Crowned head, right, inscription: QUEEN ELIZABETH THE SECOND. Reverse: Value in center, date below, inscription: MALAYA AND BRITISH BORNEO.

20 Cents, 1954. Copper-nickel. Similar.

10 Cents, 1953. Copper-nickel. Similar.

5 Cents, 1953. Copper-nickel. Similar.

Coins of the earlier rulers were issued separately for each one of the two colonies. (Vernon L. Brown, Lauren Benson)

Mauritius



10 Cents, 1954. Copper-nickel. Obverse: Crowned head, right, inscription: QUEEN ELIZABETH THE SECOND. Reverse: MAURITIUS on top, value and date in center and on the bottom. Scalloped planchet.



2 Cents, 1953. Bronze. Similar but round planchet.

1 Cent, 1953. Bronze. Similar, round planchet.

(Robert Friedberg, Gimbels Coin Dept., Lauren Benson, Vernon L. Brown)

Paraguay



50 Centimos, 1953. Aluminum-bronze. Obverse: Arms in center, date below, inscription around: REPÚBLICA DEL PARAGUAY, . . . Reverse: Value within wreath. Scalloped planchet.

25 Centimos, 1953. Aluminum-bronze. Similar.

15 Centimos, 1953. Aluminum-bronze. Similar.

10 Centimos, 1953. Aluminum-bronze. Similar. (Lauren Benson)

Russia



1 Kopeck, 1922. Bronze. Obverse: Moose in center, inscription: 2nd Government Harness – Saddlery and Luggage Factory. Reverse: Value and date, inscription on bottom: Guaranteed. (Submitted by Robert Friedberg, translation by Sam Lerner)

Salvador



50 Centavos, 1953. Silver. Obverse: Head left, date below, inscription: REPÚBLICA DE EL SALVADOR. Reverse: Value within wreath.



25 Centavos, 1953. Silver. Similar. The portrait on these coins is that of PADRE JOSE MATIAS DELCADO, their famous national hero. Both coins were struck at the U. S. Mint in Philadelphia, Pa.

(Robert Friedberg, Gimbels Coin Dept., Lauren Benson)

Thailand



50 Satang, 1954. Aluminum-bronze alloy. Obverse: Bust of King in uniform, left, inscription: PHUMIPHOL ADULYADET (name of King) THE REIGN OF THE 9th RAMA

(Bangkok Dynasty) Reverse: Arms dividing value, inscription above: STATE OF THAI, on the bottom date of the Buddhist Era 2497.

25 Satang, 1954. Same alloy as above, similar design.

10 Satang, 1954. Same alloy as above, similar design.

(Specimens donated to the ANA collection by SFC James C. Rousseau,

Jr.; also Dr. Sumbat Sorkondhabhaut, Lauren Benson)

Five different photos have been supplied through the cooperation of Mr. Vernon L. Brown and his staff of the Chase National Bank in New York. We gratefully acknowledge his continued help and support and his fine work as Curator of the ANA collection.

CALENDAR OF FUTURE NUMISMATIC EVENTS

In order that this Calendar be as complete as possible, secretaries of State or Regional Organizations should advise the General Secretary of future meetings which should be included.

Inquiries, further information, or reservations should be sent to official indicated.

Northwest Coin Club. 21st annual convention. April 16-17, 1955. Ryan Hotel, St. Paul, Minn. F. B. Horn, President, 5736 Blaisdell Ave., South, Minneapolis 19, Minn.

National Coin Week. April 23-29, 1955. I. T. Kopicki, General Chairman, 3337-3347 West 26th St., Chicago 23, Ill. Clyde L. Grimm, Awards Chairman, 1039 S. Lyman Ave., Oak Park, Ill.

California State Numismatic Association. Sixteenth semiannual convention. April 28-May 1, 1955. Hotel Claremont, Oakland, Calif.

Central States Numismatic Society. Annual convention. April 29-May 1, 1955. Hotel Statler, Detroit, Mich. Ivan C. Ebeling, General Chairman, 30400 Drake Road, Farmington, Mich. Earl C. Brown, Secretary (CSNS), 7005 S. Normal Blvd., Chicago 21, Ill.

Metropolitan New York Numismatic Convention. May 6-8, 1955. Park Sheraton Hotel, New York, N. Y. Vernon L. Brown, General Chairman, Chase National Bank, 13 Broad St., New York 15, N. Y.

Pacific Northwest Numismatic Association. Annual convention. May 20-22, 1955. Multnomah Hotel, Portland, Ore.

American Numismatic Association. 64th annual convention. Hotel Fontenelle, Omaha, Nebraska. August 24-27, 1955. Raymond J. Larson, General Chairman, 423 N. 4th St., Plattsmouth, Neb.

Canadian Numismatic Association. Second annual convention. Sept. 7-8, 1955. Chateau Laurier, Ottawa, Canada.

Ohio State Numismatic Society. Annual convention. Sept. 17-18, 1955. Hotel Secor, Toledo, Ohio. S. L. Szyperski, General Chairman, 222 Austin St., Toledo, Ohio.

Oklahoma-Kansas Numismatic Association. Eighth annual convention. Oct. 15-16, 1955. Biltmore Hotel, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Middle Atlantic Numismatic Association. Third annual convention. October 28-30, 1955. Hotel Sylvania, Philadelphia, Penna. George W. Magee, General Chairman, 1304 Yarmouth Rd., Philadelphia 31, Penna. Eldridge G. Jones, Secretary-Treasurer, MANA Headquarters, 4228 19 St., N.E., Washington, D. C.

California State Numismatic Association. Seventeenth semiannual convention. Nov. 10-13, 1955. U. S. Grant Hotel, San Diego, Calif.

American Numismatic Association. 65th annual convention. Congress Hotel, Chicago, Illinois. Aug. 22-25, 1956. The 1957 convention will be held in Philadelphia, Pa. Time and place to be announced later.

Book Reviews

"Coins of the Spanish Muluk al-Tawa'if," by George C. Miles. 169 pages, 15 plates. *Hispanic Numismatic Series, Monograph No. 3*, American Numismatic Society, N.Y., 1954.

This is the third volume of a series that will eventually cover the entire coinage of Spain. The period covered is approximately 75 years and the volume deals with a rather obscure coinage that flourished after the fall of the Umayyad Caliphate and before the arrival of the Almoravides from North Africa. This was a period of political confusion when there were as many Emirates as there were walled cities and towns. It is known as the period of the Reyes de Taifas or party kings and each of the petty kings and princes issued coins in his own name.

Dr. Miles has described this coin-

age in detail but has made no attempt to compile a corpus of the coins of the Taifas as was done in the first two volumes. The coins described in this monograph comprise the collections of the American Numismatic Society and of the Hispanic Society and consists of 593 different coins. There are 15 plates. The only suggestion that this reviewer can make would be that an appendix be included that would show the mint names and rulers' names in Cufic with the English translation beside it. Dr. Miles has done his usual excellent job and this reviewer wishes to extend to him the naval accolade of "Well done."

— P. K. ANDERSON

"Ducal Talers and Multiples of Bavaria Prior to 1800," by E. Hecht. 36 pages, 10 plates, *Hesperia Art*, Baltimore, Md., 1954, \$1.25.

This well illustrated monograph is designed as a guide to the principal types of Bavarian crowns through 1799 and excludes only the minor die varieties. The specialist who is interested in the complete series is referred by the author to the comprehensive volume on Bavarian coinage written in German which is listed in the preface.

In 36 pages, the author has done an excellent job of cataloging and describing the 85 principal types from 1557 through 1799. The obverse and reverse of each coin is

described in detail and attribution becomes a relatively simple matter. The 10 plates include a total of 105 illustrations. The quality of the illustrations and printing is outstanding.

A comprehensive glossary spells out the Latin abbreviations and gives the English translation for all coins listed. Also included is a section on historical notes and list of estimated values. This monograph is a worth-while addition to any numismatic library.

— MICHAEL M. DOLNICK

NOTICE TO DEALERS

Some additional bourse space is available for the annual convention of the A.N.A. in Omaha, Neb., Aug. 24-27, 1955. Bourse space will be limited to not more than 40 so that adequate facilities, light, and aisle space will be available. All bourse space is in one room, around the wall in room containing the membership exhibits, and fully air conditioned. Cost is \$50 which includes full registration, badge and one banquet ticket. Reservation with remittance should be sent to General Secretary Lewis M. Reagan, Box 577, Wichita, Kans. The Association reserves the right to decline any reservation and those received after available space has been reserved will have to be declined.

Notes & Queries

Juniors Design Seal

The Rochester (N.Y.) Jr. Numismatic Association now has its own seal, which was designed by Craig



Bradshaw, former club president. The group's meeting attendance is about 30 members and guests out of a membership list of 50.

Northwest Club Is of Age

The Northwest Coin Club will celebrate its 21st birthday with a two-day event in the Ryan Hotel, St. Paul, Minn., April 16-17, according to Elmer Tupper, club historian. Exhibits, auction, and banquet are features of this coin show. The auction on Saturday will include early date half cents through silver dollars. Auction lists may be obtained from M. H. Nelson, 5812 Oakland Ave., Minneapolis.

Write Pres. F. (Berry) Horn, 5736 Blaisdell Ave., Minneapolis, concerning exhibit space, bourse tables, and banquet reservations.

Regional Meets

Do not overlook the regional meetings scheduled for this spring. Try to attend the nearest one. You will gain new friends and renew old acquaintances, have the opportunity of seeing the best of exhibits, visit a bourse, attend a first class auction, and buy, sell or swap to your heart's content.

In the far west, California State Numismatic Association's semiannual convention will be held at the Hotel Claremont, Berkeley, Calif., April 28-May 1. Gilbert D. Eaton, president of the East Bay Coin Club, is general chairman.

If you are a resident of the great northwest, visit the Pacific North-

west Numismatic Association's annual meeting in the Multnomah Hotel, Portland, Ore., May 20 to 22. William Worth is chairman.

Midwestern collectors will gather in Detroit's Statler Hotel April 28 to May 1 for Central States Numismatic Society's annual convention. General Chairman is Ivan C. Ebeling of Detroit.

Atlantic seaboard dwellers will find the first Metropolitan New York Numismatic Convention set for the Park Sheraton Hotel, New York City, May 6-8. Guiding the undertaking is Vernon L. Brown of New York City as general chairman.

Upstate is the Empire State Numismatic Association's meeting in Syracuse, N. Y. The dates are May 14-15.

Down in Sharon, Pa. the Penn-Ohio Coin Clubs meet May 14-15.

Further details on these and other coming events may be obtained from the "Calendar of Future Numismatic Events" in each issue of *The Numismatist*.

On Closing S.F. Mint

Dear Editor:

Recently England has debated the question of discontinuing her smallest coin, the farthing, because of the cost of minting same, 1½ farthing. At one time or another, a government, as well as an individual, must look at the economical side of a thing. The San Francisco mint closing would indicate economical factors are involved, also.

Excerpts from the "Annual report of Director of the Mint," such as "New improvements and mechanisms devised during the past year for more efficient production of coins, together with extension and perfection of projects adopted in previous years, resulted in further reduction in coinage unit costs, considerable attention has been given to the problem of modernization of coinage production facilities at the Philadelphia mint." And, "the increased accuracy of counting operations permits elimination of weighing silver coins before sacking." Of the Denver mint it stated, "Additional feeding equipment has now been made which utilizes automatic feeders for 50-cent pieces, also." These and other improvements mentioned in the

report, it would seem, thus made ready for the closing of the century-old plant.

The death of this mint marks another milestone in the history of our nation. Its seeds sprouted and grew up with the California Gold Rush of 1849. The San Francisco mint has been in operation since 1854. From this year on it issued all denominations of regular U. S. gold coins, with the exception of the four-dollar "Stella." In 1855 it commenced the coinage of silver, the 25 and 50-cent pieces. Other coins followed in 1856. Up to the present time the S mint mark has appeared upon each denomination of a U. S. coin, with the exception of the ½ cent, 2 cent, 3 cent silver, 3 cent nickel, and the 5 cent silver. This general denomination, 1 cent to one dollar, included the ½ dime and the 20 cent silver piece.

—KALVART K. TIDWELL,
508 N. 26th St.
Waco, Texas

Norwalk One Year Old

The Norwalk (Conn.) Coin Club celebrated its first birthday December 16 with a dinner meeting. The group is growing steadily under the guidance of Pres. Malcolm P. Hunt, Vice President Lester Fairchild and Secretary-Treasurer Frank Weaver.

20 Million Gold Coins Since 1952

The 1954 gold market has been reviewed by the two London bullion dealing firms, S. Japhet & Co., and Mocatta and Goldsmid, according to *The Manchester Guardian* and *The Economist*.

South Africa is still selling all its output of newly-mined gold in London. Little Canadian gold has been seen in Great Britain since the war, since Canada keeps most of its current production. The London price has not been high enough to attract sales from Australia. The resumption of Russian sales in 1955 is not regarded as unlikely.

The number of gold coins minted since 1952 in various places from Milan to Beirut is estimated at not less than 20 million. A large part of the world's gold is still handled in Hong Kong and Macao. While private imports of gold into France are still forbidden, substantial quantities of bullion and coin continue to reach Paris from outside.

One effect of reopening the London gold market has been to narrow the

range of price fluctuations. The free market price in 1954 varied between \$34.90 and \$35.15 per ounce, a negligible margin compared with any previous postwar year. Freedom to deal in gold coins has established a substantial premium and fluctuations in the price of the sovereign, which was previously fixed at two pounds 18 shillings. In the London market it has fluctuated between three pounds two shillings and three pounds 10 shillings, the latter price corresponding to a premium of 19½ per cent on the value of the gold content of the sovereign.

Coming Auction

Edward Gans, 10 Rock Lane, Berkeley, Calif., announces a mail auction closing May 4th. It contains choice Greek, Roman and Byzantine coins, an important series of Biblical coins, and fine European and Latin-American crowns. Part of this material comes from the collection of the late Dr. Herbert Ives, former president of the ANS, in addition to consignments from outstanding collectors in the U. S. and Europe.

Paralyzed but Still Collects Coins

Dear Sir:

Bill Phillips of Dennis, Miss. had the misfortune to suffer a crushed vertebra during a 1931 football game. Since then he has been paralyzed from the neck down, except for slight movement in his arms and hands. He has a wonderful disposition, and has been a source of inspiration to his family, friends, and the entire community.

Bill began collecting coins a couple of years ago, mostly minor series. He has as much trouble examining a coin as the average person would a heavy metal disc weighing many pounds. He likes Lincoln cents and has almost 10 sets. He found a VF 1909S-VDB after looking over 27,000. Then by coincidence, just last Christmas week, he found his first 1914-D after looking over 194,000. In the next 1000 he found his second 1914-D. Both are VG.

He is willing to trade duplicates for those he does not have. Or, if you have any duplicates, you might send them to him. He needs mint-marked cents from 1909 to 1933.

—KENNETH E. MAYHALL,
A.N.A. No. 19641
Box 206, Belmont, Miss.

Australian '55 Proofs

Bernard Blatt of Brooklyn, N. Y. reports that Australian proof sets will probably be issued this year.

French's Auction Results

French's 57th auction of Jan. 29th was attended by a record number of collectors and dealers. Five states were represented and despite heavy bidding by mail, floor bidding was very active.

Some prices realized were:

1936 proof set	\$101.00
1937 proof set	41.00
1935 Hudson 50c	58.50
1928 Hawaii 50c	94.00
1922 Grant, star, 50c	82.80
1905 Lewis & Clark \$1	82.50
1937 Year set, 15 pcs.	25.00
Roll unc. 1948P 50c, 20 pcs. ...	33.00
1879 \$10 gold unc.	37.50
1932 \$10 unc.	34.00
1875CC 20c EF	12.50
1864 L 1c. VF	18.00
1858 Lg. let. 1c unc.	16.50
1916 Lib. Stdg. 25c F	59.50

What Others Publish

The New York *Times* magazine section of Feb. 13 devoted a page to illustrations of medals struck by order of Congress. Pictured were medals of Pres. Eisenhower, Col. George Croghan, Joseph Francis, Gen. Daniel Morgan and Gen. Charles A. Lindbergh.

Calcoin News, March, 1955 offers "The Four Empires of Mexico" by Dr. A. F. Pradeau; a biographical sketch of Charles L. Ruby; advice on selling a coin collection; organizational news, club notes, and membership directory.

Coin Collectors Journal, September-December, 1954, is "The Secret History of the Gobrecht Coinage" by W. H. Breen. Wayte Raymond, the publisher, advises this is the last regular subscription issue of the *Journal* because of the impossibility of meeting deadlines. The publication will be issued in the future as separate and occasional monographs at stated prices. A prospectus of articles to be published will be released soon.

Numismatic Scrapbook, Feb. 20, 1955, 160 pages, features Walter Breen's "Recut Dates and Overdates"; the third instalment of Arlie Slaubaugh's "Paper Money of the Mexican Revolution"; Edward L. Weikert's Washington news; James W. Curtis's "U. S. Pattern Coin Prices, 1955"; Earl Brown's "Numismatic

Menagerie - the Calf"; Curtis's "Tetrachems of Roman Egypt"; and a reprinting of Tom Dougherty's "The Disappearing Cartwheel."

The *Dixie Coin and Stamp News*, Vol. 1, No. 1, made its bow Jan. 15th. Of four pages with five columns to a page, it is published by Ralph D. Mefford, 3951 St. Johns Ave., Jacksonville 5, Fla.

Seaby's *Coin and Medal Bulletin*, January, 1955, continues "The Royal Mint: Its Evolution and Development" by H. G. Stride; instalment of Dr. Robert Gobl's "Sasanian Coins"; H. A. Seaby's "Numismatic Directory of Europe"; "Coins in School, a Teacher's Viewpoint," by A. W. Smith; letters, news items, and society reports.

Numismatic Literature, January, 1955 offering very brief abstracts of some current numismatic articles and books, is available from the American Numismatic Society.

Reports of the Mexican mint for the fiscal years 1952 and 1953 have been issued.

The Israel Numismatic Society, Tel-Aviv, Israel, has issued *Recent Studies and Discoveries on Ancient Jewish and Syrian Coins*, 9 plates.

Wants Information

Daniel Wiseman, 507 N. Oak St., Austin, Minn., is collecting information on the number of 1926-S and 1928-S quarters with die defects. So far half a hundred have been reported.

New Coins for Japan

Dear Sir:

A recent article in the Japanese newspapers might be of interest to our members.

"A clinking pocket-full of change will thin Japanese wallets in August when the Japanese Ministry of Finance starts to mint 50 and 1 yen coins.

"The 50 yen coins will be made of nickel and 1 yen coins will be made of aluminum according to the ministry's announcement.

"Despite a contest which thousands entered, a ministry spokesman said it is not satisfied with the prize-winning designs for the coins. The faces may be changed before the pieces are minted, he added.

"Prizes of 75,000 yen (almost \$210) were awarded for designs of the coins' four faces, but the ministry declined to characterize any as first place prizes."

I have written to the Ministry of Finance for information as to designs and availability of proofs but to date have not received an answer. At present the Japanese have coins in the amount of 5 and 10 yen in circulation as well as paper money in 1,000, 500, 100, 50, 10 and 1 yen amounts.

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Exhibit in Pontiac

Pontiac Coin Club will hold its 4th annual coin exhibition and bourse April 24 in the Bemis-Olsen AmVets hall, 570 Oakland Ave., Pontiac, Mich. Co-sponsor is the Royal Oak Coin Club.

Price Lists

Copley Coin Co. March, 1955 list. U. S. and foreign gold; other U. S. coins, including large cents, half cents and commemoratives; colonials; and some Canadian coins.

James Kelly. *Coins and Chatter*, Vol. 8, Nos. 1 and 2. Canadians; U. S. coins; foreign gold and silver; U. S. mint sets. Articles on "Coins of Nero" and "Chosroes II" by Florence Aiken Banks; "Gold Seekers Found First British Columbia Bank" and "Jetons, Pseudo Money Used in French Canada until 1759" by Paul Borrowman.

New Netherlands Coin Co. *Nusmismia*, Vol. 1, No. 5. Offers large number of New Jersey and New York obsolete bank notes; U. S. half cents and early large cents; also a list of wanted coins. Discusses the question "Exactly how rare is 1849 gold dollar with small head, and are the circu-

lated specimens that have been making the rounds really impaired proofs as some dealers are saying?"

R. Green. Illustrated bargain list No. 48. Commemoratives; colonials, tokens; U. S. and private gold; patterns; regular U. S. coinage; currency; crowns; foreign gold; foreign minor; medals. Seven plates.

Colorado-Wyoming Medal



This is the octagonal silver uniface medal of the Colorado-Wyoming Numismatic Association. It was struck for the group's annual convention.

Gimbels Exhibition

Many items from the Chase National Bank "Moneys of the World" collection were shown during February in Gimbels Store, New York City. At the same time the store's coin department exhibited gold and platinum coins in one of the Broadway windows, where a protective railing was necessary to hold spectators away from the glass. Similar exhibits will be staged at the John Marsh stamp and coin department in Boston April 11 to 23 and subsequently in other branches of the Minkus chain.

RENAISSANCE MEDALISTS. From the fall of the Roman empire till the end of the 14th century there is a blank in the production of medals. The revival of the medallic art was one of the first fruits of the Renaissance movement, and practically its earliest, as for all times its greatest exponent was Vittore Pisano (c. 1380-1456), the painter of Verona. His medallions, generally marked *Opus Pisani Pictoris*, and those of his numerous followers, including Matteo de Pasti, Guacialotti, Sperandio, Sangallo, and many others, are distinguished by their vividness of sculptural portraiture, and their singular breadth and simplicity of treatment. . . . One of the most famous medals of Pisano celebrates the visit of the Eastern emperor, John VIII Palaeologus to the Council of Florence in 1439, the legend on the obverse being in Greek, and the reverse inscription, *Opus, Pisani, Pictoris*, being also repeated in Greek. — Chambers's *Encyclopedia*, 1891.

GERMAN WAR TOKENS ("NOTGELD")

By the late O. P. Eklund

(Concluded from February issue)

WOLLIN (POMERANIA)

The City

1901. 25 pfennig 1919. Obv., arms (a griffin rampant holding a pine tree to left, a small star at the bottom of the tree). Rev., STADT WOLLIN * 1919 *, in the field 25. Iron. 24 mm.

WOLLSDORF

1902. Token n.d. Obv., K. & N. above, WOLLSDORF below, across the field in center 1 Kg. BROT ("one kilogram bread"). Rev., plain. A hole in center. Brass. 24 mm.

WORMS (HESSEN)

The City

1903. 10 pfennig 1918. Obv., shield of arms (a key and a star on "red" field) between 19 - 18. Rev., between horizontal lines, 10 PFG. | STADT | WORMS ^ RH. ("on the Rhine"), and a spray of grape with fruit, at top and bottom a small cross of pellets. Zinc. 21 mm.
1904. 10 pfennig 1918. Similar but iron, and thicker flan.
1905. 10 pfennig 1918. Similar but no star on the shield.

WORTH (BAVARIA)

The "Castle" Apothecary Company

1906. 10 pfennig n.d. Obv., SCHLOSSAPOTHEKE * WORTH A/D * ("on the Danube" River), in the field 10 in beaded circle. Rev., KLEINGELDER-SATZMARKE*** In center 10 in corded circle. Zinc. Octagonal. 22 mm.

WUNSIEDEL (BAVARIA)

The City

1907. 10 pfennig n.d. Obv., STADT GEMEINDE * WUNSIEDEL * Ornate shield of arms, crested with a plumed helmet, a crown, and the head and neck of a hound. Rev., KLEINGELDER-SATZMARKE * In the field 10. Zinc. 20 mm.
1908. 10 pfennig 1920. Obv., between two horizontal lines in center two hands clasped, a sunburst above, AUFWARDS ("upwards") and a star below. Rev., STADT WUNSIEDEL 1920, in center 10, on raised field below, PFENNIG and a scroll. All of the inscription in Gothic type. Zinc. 20 mm.

WURZACH (WURTEMBERG)

The City

1909. 5 pfennig 1918. Obv., STADT WURZACH, shield of arms (a bend on which three crabs in a row, on "silver" field). Rev., KRIEGSNOTGELD, in center 5, Pfg. divides 19 - 18 below. A large hole near the bottom. Zinc. 19 mm.
1910. 10 pfennig 1918. Similar but 10 on reverse, and no hole. 20 mm.

WURZBACH (REUSS)

Community

1911. 5 pfennig 1919. Obv., GEMEINDE WURZBACH THUR. (In Thuringia) * 1919 * Within a plain circle a crane standing on one leg, to left (arms of Kranichfeld County). Rev., KLEINGELDER-SATZMARKE * In the field 5. Iron. 18 mm.

1912. 10 pfennig 1919. Similar but the date in the field divided by the bird, and 10 on reverse. 20 mm.



1913. 50 pfennig 1919. Similar but 50. 22 mm.

WYHLEN (BADEN)

Community

1914. 5 pfennig 1918. Obv., GEMEINDE * WYHLEN * Within a plain circle a shield of arms (divided in center, in the left half a bear rampant with one leg on a "green" mound, in the right a "silver" bar on "red" field). Rev., KRIEGSNOTGELD, in center 5, Pfg. divides 19 -- 18 below. A small hole in center. Zinc. 19 mm.
1915. 10 pfennig 1918. Similar but 10 on reverse. 20 mm.
1916. 50 pfennig 1918. Obv., similar to last. Rev., KRIEGSNOTGELD * 1918 * In the field 50 in a plain circle. Holed as last. 23 mm.

WYK (SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN)

Savings and Loan Bank

1917. 5 pfennig n.d. Obv., KLEINGELDERSATZMARKE*** Shield of arms, (divided in center, in the left half a royal crown on "gold" field, and a pot on "red" field, in the right a spread eagle cut in half, on "blue" field, on a scroll around the bottom, LEWER DUAD US SLAW (motto?), within a plain circle. Rev., WYKER SPAR UND LEIHKASSE * In center 5 in beaded circle. Iron. 18 mm.
1918. 10 pfennig n.d. Similar but a beaded circle around the shield, and 10 on reverse. 20 mm.
1919. 50 pfennig n.d. Similar but 50. 25 mm.

ZABERN (ALSACE)

The City

1920. 10 pfennig n.d. Obv., STADT - ZABERN, shield of arms (on a bend between scrolls a unicorn running to left). Rev., KLEINGELDERSATZMARKE * In the field 10. Zinc. 20 mm.
1921. 5 pfennig 1918. Obv., STADT ZABERN * 1918 * Shield of arms as last. Rev., as last but 5 in the field. Zinc. 18 mm.

ZEITZ (PROVINCE OF SAXONY)

The City

1922. 10 pfennig 1919. Obv., STADT - ZEITZ * Shield of arms, (the archangel Michael with uplifted sword standing upon a dragon, between two small shields of arms; on the left a key and a cross crossed on "gold" field, on the right a white, or "silver," cross on "gold" field). Rev., ERSATZGELD 1919 * PFENNIG * In center 10. Iron; plated. 22 mm.



1923. 10 pfennig 1920. Similar except for date. 20 mm.

ZELL (BADEN)

The City

1924. 5 pfennig n.d. Obv., STADT GEMEINDE * ZELL IM WIESENTHAL * ("in Wiesenthal"). Shield of arms, (a "blue" stream of water on "red" field), crested with a plumed helmet and the heads and necks of a pair of swans holding a chain of three links in their beaks. Rev., KRIEGSGELD***. In center 5 within a beaded circle. Zinc. 19 mm.
1925. 10 pfennig n.d. Similar but 10 on reverse. 20 mm.

ZIEGENHALS (SILESIA)

The Town

1926. 5 pfennig n.d. Obv., STADT GEMEINDE * ZIEGENHALS * Shield of arms, (on "black" field the head and neck of a goat to right), in beaded circle. Rev., KLEINGELDERSATZMARKE*** In the field 5 within a corded circle. Zinc. 19 mm.
1927. 10 pfennig n.d. Similar but 10 on reverse. 21 mm.
1928. 50 pfennig n.d. Similar but 50. 25 mm.
1929. 10 pfennig 1918. Similar but 19—18 at sides of the shield and no circle on obverse. Iron. 20 mm.



1930. 50 pfennig 1918. Similar but a beaded circle, cut by the date, around the shield, and three stars in the legend. 26 mm. (in German the name of this town means "goat's neck," and the following "goat's back").

ZIEGENRUCK (PROVINCE SAXONY)

The City

1931. 5 pfennig 1918. Obv., STADT ZIEGENRUCK.*. Arms (a goat standing to right, above his back a small church) within a plain circle. Rev., KRIEGS-NOTMUNZE * 1918 * In the field 5. Zinc. 18 mm.
1932. 10 pfennig 1918. Similar but 10 on reverse. 20 mm.



1933. 50 pfennig 1918. Similar but 50. 23 mm.

ZIRNDORF (BAVARIA)

The City

1934. 5 pfennig 1917. Obv., STADT GEMEINDE -- ZIRNDORF, crowned ornate shield of arms (a city wall and gate with a high tower surmounted with a flag) divides 19-17. Rev., 5 within a wreath of oak. Zinc. 18 mm.
1935. 10 pfennig 1917. Similar but 10 on reverse. 20 mm.

ZULLICHAU (BRANDENBURG)

The City Savings Bank

1936. 5 pfennig 1918. Obv., SPARKASSE DER STADT . ZULLICHAU . In the field 5 | 1918. Rev., KLEINGELDERSATZMARKE*** In center 5 within a beaded circle. Zinc. 18 mm.
1937. 10 pfennig 1918. Similar but 10 both sides. 20 mm.
1938. 50 pfennig 1918. Similar but 50. 26 mm.

ZUFFENHAUSEN (WURTEMBERG)

The City

1939. 10 pfennig n.d. Obv., STADT GEMEINDE * ZUFFENHAUSEN * In a beaded circle a shield of arms, (on a "blue" bend a man is seated upon a rock (?) blowing a trumpet; in the upper corner the date 1907 and a cogwheel; in the lower a spade). Rev., KLEINGELDERSATZMARKE*** In center 10 in beaded circle. Iron. 20 mm.

ZWEIBRUCKEN (PFALZ)

The City

1940. 5 pfennig 1919. Obv., shield of arms (a parapet upon a lion rampant) on crowned cartouche, within a circle of pellets cut by the crown above, and 1919 below. Rev., STADT ZWEIBRUCKEN, in center 5, PFENNIG below. Iron. 18 mm.
1941. 10 pfennig 1919. Similar but 10 on reverse. 20 mm.

ZWICKAU (SAXONY)

The City

1942. 10 pfennig 1918. Obv., RAT DER KREISSTADT ZWICKAU SA * ("counsel of the district city Zwickau, Saxony"). Shield of arms (quartered, three ducks, or geese, in first and last, and a castle in the second and third quarter), crested by two plumed helmets surmounted with the half length figure of a man holding aloft a club, and a cluster of seven standards. Rev., KLEINGELDERSATZMARKE * 1918 * In the field 10 in a corded circle. Iron. Octagonal. 22 mm.
1943. 10 pfennig 1918. Similar but the stars are farther from the date, which is smaller. Octagonal.

ZWIESEL (BAVARIA)

The City

1944. 5 pfennig 1917. Obv., STADT ZWIESEL 1917 * In center 5 within a beaded circle. Rev., KLEINGELDERSATZMARKE*** In the field 5 in corded circle. Zinc. Octagonal. 20 mm.
1945. 10 pfennig 1917. Similar but 10 both sides. Octagonal. 22 mm.
1946. 20 pfennig 1917. Similar but 20. Octagonal. 24 mm.
1947. 2 pfennig 1917. Obv., STADT - ZWIESEL - 1917; shield of arms, (on "gold" and "red" field a knight in armor and plumed helmet is standing, supporting a down pointed sword around which a snake is coiled, to left, and a shield displaying a spread eagle cut in half, and the "checkers" of Bavaria, to right), the date below. Rev., KLEINGELDERSATZMARKE *** In the field 2 within a corded circle, a large hole in center. Zinc. Octagonal. 19 mm.
1948. 5 pfennig 1917. Similar but 5 on reverse, and no hole. Octagonal. Same size as the preceding, hence the hole.
1949. 10 pfennig 1917. Similar but 10 on reverse. Octagonal. 22 mm.
1950. 20 pfennig 1917. Similar but 20. Octagonal. 24 mm.
1951. 5 pfennig 1918. Obv., STADT - 1918 - ZWIESEL. Ornate shield of arms, as last, supported by two nude "wild men" standing on a line, the date above. Rev., KRIEGSNOTGELD * In the field 5. Zinc. 20 mm.
1952. 10 pfennig 1918. Similar with the inscription: EISERNE | FRONT - EISERNE | HEIMAT ("as iron at the front and at home") below the arms, and 10 on reverse. 22 mm.

1953. 20 pfennig 1918. Similar but 20. 24 mm.

1954. 2 pfennig 1919. Obv., a lumber worker with a pike-pole standing upon a log in waves (driving logs down a river), in the distance a forest and a church in the exergue STADT ZWIESEL | 1919. Rev., KRIEGSGELD * In the field 2. Zinc. 18 mm.



1955. 10 pfennig 1919. Obv., STADT – ZWIESEL, a woman, (“Mother Zwiesel”), standing on steps, handing out food to two naked children standing before her, in the exergue 1919. Rev., as last but 10 in center. Zinc. 22 mm.

1956. 20 pfennig 1919. Obv., STADT ZWIESEL, sprouts of oak springing from a broken stump, in the distance the city and mountains, the date in the exergue below. Rev., KRIEGSNOTGELD * PFG * (“Pfennis”), in the field 20. Zinc. 24 mm.

1957. 25 pfennig 1919. Obv., STADT ZWIESEL | 1919 | (scroll) ALS (scroll) | NOTGELD | KENT MAN MICH | IN DEUTSCHEN | LANDEN | IN DEUTSCHLANDS | GROSSTER NOT | BINICH ENT | STANDEN. (“as notgeld am I known in German lands, in Germany’s greatest distress was I created”), below in microscopic letters, BINA (Peter Bina, the designer). Rev., similar to the preceding but 25 in center. Zinc. 26 mm.

1958. 1 pfennig 1920. Obv., two hands clasped, SEID above, EINIG! below (“forever united”). Rev., NOTGELD DER STADT ZWIESEL . 1920 . In the field 1 | PFG. Zinc. 15 mm. (on the cuffs on observe P – B (Peter Bina, the designer)).

1959. 2 pfennig 1920. Obv., a stalk and ear of wheat (or rye) divides KRIEGS= | NOT and WENIG | BROTT! (“war’s distress, little bread”), 192-0 above, near the rim at the top BINA. Rev., similar to last but 2 PFG. Zinc. 17 mm.

1960. 5 pfennig 1920. Obv., STADT – ZWIESEL, a man standing, blowing glass, at his feet a small vase and a cup, in the exergue . 1920 . Rev., KRIEGSNOTGELD In center 5. Zinc. 19 mm.

1961. 10 pfennig 1920. Obv., STADT – ZWIESEL, a joiner at work in the exergue . 1920 . , in the field a small monogram FIM (Franz Maier, the designer). Rev., similar to last but 10 in the field. Zinc. 22 mm.

1962. 20 pfennig 1920. Obv., STADT – ZWIESEL, a man (“tree-feller”) striding to right, carrying a cross-cut saw in a case, an axe, and a roll of bedding, between his feet a small M (Maier, the designer). Rev., KRIEGSNOTGELD * PFG * In the field 20. Zinc. 25 mm.

1963. 25 pfennig 1920. Obv., FEIN GLAS . U . GUT HOLZ IST ZWIESELS STOLZ! (“fine glass and good lumber is Zwiesel’s pride”). A large glass vase standing on a small wood plane, below BINA (the designer). Rev., STADT + ZWIESEL + NOTGELD DER – 1920 – In the field 25 | PFG. Zinc. 26 mm.



1964. 50 pfennig 1920. Obv., ZWIESELER BRASIL TABAKREIBER . (“Brazil – tobacco grinder”). Within a plain circle a man grinding tobacco, a small monogram, F.i.M, (Franz Maier, the designer) below. Rev., STADT ZWIESEL 1920, in the field 50 | PFENNIG. Aluminum. 26 mm.

THE TOKEN COLLECTOR'S PAGE

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This page is devoted to American store cards, war tokens, and similar metallic pieces. Its purpose is to illustrate and describe the many interesting pieces that are so little known to most present day collectors. In some instances the pieces are illustrated for the first time and a special effort is made to include the early issues that have never been listed elsewhere. Collectors who are able to supply additional information on any of the cards published are cordially invited to do so.

New York, N. Y.



Obverse: W. FIELD 148 CHATHAM CORNER OF MULBERRY STREET around the edge. In the field, a hat beneath which is NEW YORK.

Reverse: MANUFACTURER OF HATS CAPS AND FANCY FURS. In the field a beaver to right.

Metal, copper. Size 18. Plain edge No. 1. Border No. 2. Adams N Y 248

— Same. Wright 317 — Externally rare.

The piece described in the CCJ is the same as described above but the beaver is listed as to the left while Wright says the beaver is to the right, which is borne out by our token. This piece was no doubt struck on a number of different size planchets as CCJ lists size 17, Wright 19 and our piece is 18. The die works leads us to believe this piece was struck around 1835. W. Elliot Woodward states in the J. N. Leveck Sales catalog of 1884 page 13 No. 279 "Of this card I have never seen more than two, one of which I have traced through four or five sales." At the Betts sale of 1894 page 17 a similar piece brought \$4.10 page 9 lot No. 75.

N.Y.-149.69.1-SC-14-Cu-18-pe1.bd1-r8

New York, N. Y.



Obverse: LIBERTY HEAD to left, upon CORONET LIBERTY.

Reverse: Y & CO. GLASS around edge. 1 in center.

Brass. Size 14. Plain edge No. 1. Border No. 4. Adams N.Y. 1006 rare. Not listed in Wright.

This piece acquired by the authors from Woodin collection and the envelope is marked "V. Rare." It is a beer token of Yuengling & Co., brewers, New York City. The obverse has a liberty head and is similar to the head of 1844-57 cents. Issued about 1858.

N.Y.-149.202.1-SC-16-Br-14-pe1.bd4-r6

Fragments or charred Federal Reserve and national banknotes to the number of 161,390 pieces aggregating \$2,792,070 were received for identification and approval by the Treasurer of the United States during the calendar year 1953.

John Philip Sousa Centennial Medal 1854-1954

Sculptor: Prof. Arnold Hartig

Issued by: Austrian Mint, Vienna, Austria

By the Austrian Information Service, New York

It was in the year 1905. The American composer and U. S. Marine Bandmaster John Philip Sousa was on an extensive tour of Europe in which a visit to Vienna was a memorable event.

Vienna, the capital of music, was in the throes of the waltz fever, the melodies of Johann Strauss and Josef Lanner dominated the ballroom, oper-



etta houses and even the streets. It was then that the newspapers announced the visit of John Philip Sousa whose tunes had not easily taken root due to the competition from Lanner and Strauss. His arrival was awaited with curiosity and excitement. Nowhere in the world were people so receptive to music as in Vienna, regardless where it came from.

Sousa marches had been played in Vienna before his visit, but performances by the composer himself had an unforgettable appeal by the way of the rhythm and orchestration. Sousa brought with himself a corps of musicians superior to any players in the world, some of them possessing a virtuoso's ability on their respective instruments. Sousa adapted his music to a proper combination of instruments and thus gained the result most desired: he produced color, dynamics and nuances — and originality. He was always himself and never an imitator.

The Viennese welcoming Sousa brightened at the tempo of his stirring marches and he was given a reception such as Vienna has rarely accorded any composer. Sousa's Washington Post was played from now on in the ballrooms in turn with waltzes, thus dancing came under the baton of the waltz king and the march king at the same time in Vienna.

In the crowd which welcomed Sousa to Vienna was a 27 year old artist named Arnold Hartig born Dec. 28, 1878 in Austria who just graduated from the academy of fine arts in Vienna. He too was seized with enthusiasm and he made several sketches from life of the bandmaster for his private file.

Today Arnold Hartig is 76 years old and 50 years passed since he encountered Sousa. However he did not forget the days when the American

visitor captured the hearts of the Viennese, particularly with his inspired interpretation of the Blue Danube Waltz. He combines his own memory with several pictures the Austrian Mint gave him with the request to design a centennial medal in honor of the anniversary of John Philip Sousa's birthday. Done in bronze, the medal features a masterly portrait of the march king in bas relief, 3 inches in diameter.

Arnold Hartig had been connected with the Austrian Mint since 1905 and had designed many commemorative medals of outstanding personalities besides portraits of the late Emperor Franz Joseph for the Austrian coinage.

In coining the John Philip Sousa Centennial Medal the Austrian Mint is maintaining its tradition of the oldest monetary institute of its kind whose history goes back to the 12th century. Among other commemorative medals issued are: Beethoven, Bach, Brahms, Bruckner, Haydn, Mozart, Schubert, Wagner, Chopin, Mendelssohn, Offenbach, Gustave Mahler, Tschaikovsky, Johann Strauss and Richard Strauss, Verdi and Puccini. Most of them made by Arnold Hartig.

Fifty years since the visit of John Philip Sousa to Vienna the Austrian Mint reciprocated this fine work of medallist art to the art loving people of U.S.A.

There are several editions of the medal. One was adapted for Dr. Frank Simon's concerts and clinics, an aid to high school and college orchestras throughout the U.S.A. and will be presented by him to the music departments in the high schools and colleges and to municipal bands sponsoring his anniversary memorial concerts.

Dr. Frank Simon, a graduate of the Sousa Band himself, is director of the brass department of the Cincinnati College of Music.

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DOMESTIC COINAGE EXECUTED, BY MINTS, DURING JANUARY 1955

Denomination	Philadelphia	San Francisco	Denver	Total Value	Total Pieces
SILVER					
Half dollars					
Quarter dollars	\$ 562,000.00		\$ 213,000.00	\$ 775,000.00	3,100,000
Dimes	533,000.00	\$580,000.00		1,113,000.00	11,130,000
Total Silver	\$1,095,000.00	\$580,000.00	\$ 213,000.00	\$1,888,000.00	14,230,000
MINOR					
Five-cent pieces			\$ 520,000.00	\$ 520,000.00	10,400,000
One-cent pieces	\$ 243,650.00	\$103,000.00	333,550.00	680,200.00	68,020,000
Total Minor	\$ 243,650.00	\$103,000.00	\$ 853,550.00	\$1,200,200.00	78,420,000
Total Domestic Coinage	\$1,338,650.00	\$683,000.00	\$1,066,550.00	\$3,088,200.00	92,650,000
Coinage Executed for Foreign Governments - None					

CUMULATIVE MINT REPORT FOR JANUARY, 1955

(Giving the number of pieces struck)

	Philadelphia	San Francisco	Denver
Half dollars			
Quarter dollars	2,248,000		852,000
Dimes	5,330,000	5,800,000	
Five-cent pieces			10,400,000
One-cent pieces	24,365,000	10,300,000	33,355,000

I am amazed at the speed with which my letters (regarding slides from the Visual Education Committee) have been answered. Being a neophyte in numismatics, it is greatly appreciated. I would like to have the slides sent to me by express to the above address. — Dr. Joel L. Deuterman, Elgin, Ill.

Report of the General Secretary

ADMISSION TO MEMBERSHIP

Applicants numbered 23439-23585 as published in the February issue have been admitted to membership.

APPLICANTS FOR MEMBERSHIP

The following applications were received in February 1955. If there are no objections filed prior to May 1, 1955, these applicants will become members on that date and notice to this effect will appear in the June, 1955 issue.

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- 23804 **W. H. Moffett**, 213 Linford Rd., Knoxville, Tenn. U. S. Coins. J. D. Payne.
- 23805 **Blanche M. Caton**, 22½ Crown St., Waterford, Conn. General. Oscar G. Schilke.
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- 23807 **Ike Paris**, 6042 Shisler St., Philadelphia 49, Pa. U. S. Coins. Carmen Chendorain.
- 23808 **Dr. Clarence W. Cummings**, 78 Chalfonte Ave., Pittsburgh 29, Pa. General. Addison Smith.
- 23809 **Bob Turner**, 500 N. Davis St., Walton, Ind. General. Warren T. Lybrook.
- 23810 **Joe Eckert**, 417 S. Montezuma St., Prescott, Ariz. General. Jack M. Turner.
- 23811 **Robert Winslow Black**, 208 S. LaSalle St., Chicago 4, Ill. Commemorative ½ dollars. Louis J. Castelli, Jr.
- 23812 **Harvey J. Hoffer**, 8817 Bay Parkway, Brooklyn 14, N. Y. Roman Coins. Lewis M. Reagan.
- 23813 **Frank Crisafio**, 4043 Penn Ave., Pittsburgh 24, Pa. U. S. Coins. Roy G. Weishaup.
- 23814 **Dr. Pratt Irby**, 209 S. Main, Ft. Scott, Kans. General. Fred E. Dunlap.
- 23815 **Edward M. Wasilewski**, 18964 Runyon, Detroit 34, Mich. U. S. Uncirculated and Circulated. Don Lacey, E. F. Kozlarski.
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- 23817 **Lt. Charles E. Axthelm**, USS Norton Sound, AVM-1, c/o FPO, San Francisco, Calif. U. S. Coins. Robert J. Gerhardt.
- 23818 **Warren H. Ackerlund**, Box 235, Cle Elum, Wash. American Silver Coins. R. B. Roberts, P. E. Padovich.
- 23819 **Joseph W. Longino**, 611 E. Columbia Ave., College Park, Georgia. Lewis M. Reagan.
- 23820 **James C. Pease**, RFD No. 7, Kingsport, Tenn. General. Walter E. Hudson, Jr., W. N. Carter.
- 23821 **Karrol D. Kyburz**, 6th Ave., SW, Aberdeen, S. Dakota. U. S. and Canadian Coins. J. L. Ellis, John B. Taylor.
- 23822 **Arthur Greck**, 1351 West Ave., Buffalo, N. Y. General. Lewis M. Reagan.
- 23823 **Paul E. Herschel, Jr.**, 337 Crescent Ave., Peoria, Ill. American Coins. Robert P. Whitmore.
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- 23826 **Lewis R. Raasch**, Rt. 1, Box 85 A, Lynchburg, Va. U. S. Coins. Lewis M. Reagan.
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- 23845 **Ted Mays**, 133 SW 2nd Ave., Portland 4, Oregon. General. L. E. Jones, C. R. Dawley.
- 23846 **John Brock**, P. O. Box 124, Arlington, N. J. U. S. and Canadian Coins. Edward Hay, Maurice Gould.
- 23847 **Myron S. Brede**, 600 W. Madison St., Chicago, Ill. American Coins. R. L. Yablun, Kurt E. Eckstein, Louis J. Castelli, Jr.
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- 23959 **Santiago Halais**, P. O. Box 146, Caguas, Puerto Rico. General. Peter B. Payne.
- 23960 **Crayton G. Hall**, 3084 Riley St., Baton Rouge, La. American Coins. Carroll J. Forbes, Louis E. Striling, Theo B. Kaufman.
- 23961 **J. H. Kinzel**, 2311 Avenham Ave., SW, Roanoke 14, Va. U. S. Uncirculated and Proof Coins. Lewis M. Reagan.
- 23962 **David R. Vokac**, Helro pe valda Ranch, R. #1, Cody, Wyoming. Lincoln Head Cents. Dan Brown.
- 23963 **Charles E. Fulks**, Box 82, Rockwood, Tenn. General. Lewis M. Reagan.
- 23964 **Arthur H. Bregman**, 26400 Euclid Ave., Cleveland 32, Ohio. U. S. Coins. Lewis M. Reagan.
- 23965 **R. J. Somers**, 520 No. Main St., Fond du Lac, Wis. U. S. Coins. John Hupman.
- 23966 **George M. Howe**, 209 High St., Roscoe, Ohio. General. Richard C. Powers.
- 23967 **Henry W. Mahr**, 2606 Cecil Ave., Baltimore 18, Md. American Coins. Lewis M. Reagan, Henry Hausdorff.
- 23968 **Norman E. Donoghue**, 320 North High St., West Chester, Pa. U. S. and Canadian. Samuel C. Hill.
- 23969 **Mrs. Irene Gregory**, 950 University Ave., Morgantown, W. Va. U. S. Coins. Harry E. Stone.
- 23970 **Dr. Stewart F. Kretz**, 5700 Centre Ave., Pittsburgh 6, Pa. Amercian Gold and Commemoratives. Rist Y. Weishaup, Frank Crisafio.
- 23971 **Charles Christensen**, 51 Taft Ave., Lynbrook, N. Y. U. S. Coins. David B. Edelstein.
- 23972 **Dr. M. Robert Talisman**, 893 Central Ave., Woodmere, L. I., N. Y. General. David B. Edelstein.
- 23973 **Benton Adkins**, 526 8th St., Huntington 1, W. Va. Cents and Gold. Lewis M. Reagan.
- 23974 **McKee Caton**, 517 South Main, McAllen, Texas. American Coins. Lewis M. Reagan.
- 23975 **N. J. Wattenbarger**, P. O. Box 248, Milan, Mo. General. Lewis M. Reagan, John H. Caldwell.
- 23976 **Wilbur Moorman**, 26 Garret St., Dayton 10, Ohio. U. S. General. Elmer B. Ray.
- 23977 **Harry Savereide**, 1850 Logan Ave., Waterloo, Iowa. U. S. Coins. J. V. McDermott.
- 23978 **Anson B. Good**, 141 Snider Ave., Waynesboro, Pa. U. S. General. Stoler B. Good, R. E. Stauffer, Paul Nagy, Jr.
- 23979 **Bob Pinkston**, 219 Field St., Center, Texas. American Coins. R. E. Wallace, T. J. Taylor.
- 23980 **Earl E. Cappel**, 1027 Parkview Dr., New Kensington, Pa. U. S. General. C. O. Stockdale, John D. Keane, Jr.
- 23981 **Walter H. Simpson**, 1640 South Valley St., Kansas City 6, Kans. Silver Crowns. Ray M. Janda, M. E. Skeen.
- 23982 **William Henry Brown**, 3615 Jones St., Omaha 5, Nebr. U. S. Small Cents. Glenn M. Wiggins.
- 23983 **Albert Collis**, Hampton Beach, N. Hampshire. U. S. General. June T. Pond.
- 23984 **Marvin H. Korrick**, Box S 721, Grand Rapids, Mich. U. S. Gold Coins and Bills. Ronald H. Miller.
- 23985 **James A. Moffat**, General Delivery, Ione, Wash. General. Lee Dark, Mrs. D. D. DeNise, Elmer J. Bergholm.

- 23986 **Gordon L. Hastings**, 135 E. Hutchins Place, San Antonio 4, Texas. U. S. Coins. Lewis M. Reagan, Jack Collins, John Etheridge.
 23987 **Edward T. Fisher**, 423 Florida National Bank Bldg., St. Petersburg, Fla. General. Joseph H. Press, C. A. Brownell.
 23988 **Kunzio Minagi**, #755, 3-chome, Magoma-higashi, Ota-ku, Tokyo, Japan. Ancient Far Eastern Coins. G. D. Gibbs
 23989 **George W. Senteney**, 14 "S" St., Columbia, Mo. U. S. Coins. Ben J. Martin.
 23990 **Floyd Rambach**, 214 So. 5th, Springfield, Ill. Colonial and Ancient. Lewis M. Reagan, Abner Kreisberg.
 23991 **Harold O. Meyer**, 510 Ottawa St., Muskegon, Mich. General. R. L. Yablun, James L. Doak.
 23992 **Antonio do Valle Domingues**, Avenida Marginal 70, Dafundo, Lisboa, Portugal. General. Lewis M. Reagan.

Admitted to Life Membership

- LM272 **Mark M. Salton**, 20 Magaw Place, New York 33, N. Y.
 LM273 **Dr. Charles J. Ryant, Jr.**, 716 West 82nd St., Chicago 20, Ill.
 LM275 **Jerome L. Cohen**, 307 E. Congress St., Tucson, Ariz.
 LM280 **Dudley C. Brown**, 8533 High Drive, Kansas City 13, Mo.

Deceased

- 6541 **G. R. Halliday**, Hollywood, Calif.
 LM68 **L. W. Hoffercker**, El Paso, Texas.
 9581 **Joseph H. Klein**, Rosedale, New York.
 7196 **Harold S. Mason**, Akron, Ohio.
 9230 **A. Gordon Merry**, Huntington, W. Va.
 LM165 **Joseph Moss**, Philadelphia, Pa.
 15276 **Lee Simon**, Cleveland, Ohio.
 3090 **Frank C. Ross, Sr.**, Kansas City, Mo.

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- 10209 **Joseph S. Arner**, 267 E. Bertsch St., Lansford, Pa.
 10896 **Joseph Cohen**, 266 Pearl St., Buffalo 2, N. Y.
 17515 **Alexander J. Holm**, 1206 S. George Mason Dr., Arlington, Va.
 20203 **Fred J. James**, 29 Barker St., London, Ontario, Canada.
 17204 **Herbert A. Kupper**, 2320 Douglas Ave., Racine, Wis.
 10265 **Augusto Alvarado Olea**, Apartado 902, Guayaquil, Ecuador, S. A.
 19513 **Thurman Ridgway**, 1614 Wilber St., South Bend 28, Ind.
 8418 **Roy P. Rosenberg**, Lexington, Nebr.
 12781 **Robert R. Savage**, 7403 Myrtle Ave., Glendale 27, N. Y.
 9812 **Victor C. Sinclair**, 308½ North Broadway, Oklahoma City, Okla.
 6651 **C. C. Smith**, 4345 Michigan, Kansas City 30, Mo.
 10123 **Claude L. Tetherow**, 3118 Shirley Court, Lincoln, Nebr.

Resignations

- 22983 **Dr. William Kaufman**, Bridgeport, Conn.
 19536 **Mrs. Irmgard Walton**, Verona, N. J.
 22242 **Edgar R. Whiteman**, Atlanta, Ga.

Changes in Organizational Directory

- Ashland Stamp & Coin Club** — Jim Switzer, Secy., 137 W. 2nd St., Ashland, Ohio.
Australian Numismatic Society — (Formerly the Numismatic Society of New South Wales) K. J. Irons, Secy., 6 Rae St., Randwick, N.S.W., Australia.
Bay Cities Coin Club — Meets at the Douglas Recreation Hall on Ocean Park Blvd. (near 25th St.) in Santa Monica at 8 p.m. on the last Thursday of the month. Guests invited to come. Len Vezirian, Secy., 2483 Glendower Pl., Los Angeles 27, Calif.
Birmingham Coin Club — Adile M. Watkins, Secy., 5436 7th Ave., So. Birmingham 6, Ala.
Cincinnati Numismatic Association — Marvin Fessenden, Secy., 2861 Schaffer Ave., Cincinnati 11, Ohio.
Clearwater Coin & Stamp Club — Edna B. Zolg, Secy., 10005 Bay Pines Blvd., St. Petersburg, Fla.
Indianapolis Coin Club — Francis C. Keith, Secy., 60 South Jenny Lane, Indianapolis 1, Ind.
New Jersey Numismatic Society — T. L. Baskin, Secy., Martinsville, N. J.
San Gabriel Valley Coin Club — F. V. Frey, Secy., 375 East Mountain "D", Pasadena 6, Calif.
Scranton Numismatic Association — Robert E. Vannan, Secy., 28 Canaan St., Carbondale, Pa.
South Bend Coin Club — Meets the 2nd Wednesday and last Friday of each month at the YMCA, 236 So. Main St., South Bend, Ind., at 7:30 p.m. I. J. Lemarr, Secy., 1351 Corby Blvd., South Bend 17, Ind.
Utah Numismatic Society — C. E. Crane, Secy., 956 Blaine Ave., Salt Lake City 5, Utah.

Reports of Club Meetings

SECRETARIES PLEASE NOTE: Reports should be made promptly. Copy must be received by the 7th of the month to insure insertion in the following month's issue. Sometimes a carbon copy of the minutes is sent in, and almost invariably a number of items of local concern only must be cancelled. The justification for publishing these accounts lies in the numismatic information – and encouragement – to be derived by collectors generally, regardless of location. On this basis we feel it advisable to revise and condense, and, incidentally, the by-product of this course is conservation of valuable space. All copy should be typewritten, double-spaced, and written on one side of the paper only. Please condense your reports and write them so they conform to the style of those printed below. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

Please send reports to the Editor.

ARKANSAS NUMISMATIC SOCIETY – The regular meeting for the winter quarter of 1955 was held in Camden, Feb. 6th, Pres. Matt Rothert presiding. Twenty-eight members and guests were present. Elected to membership at this meeting were: Henry T. Williams, Texarkana, Tex.; Miss Elizabeth Champion, and Miss Mary Helen Urban, Little Rock, Ark.; Louis G. Brown, Guggsville, Ill.

Pres. Rothert reported on the progress of the movement to get the motto on the paper money and said the matter seemed to be going well. The wooden nickel and the Arkansas dollar committees both reported progress. The treasurer's report was adequate. The secretary reported that the 101st member has just been elected to membership. Of this number 77 are active dues paying members. Two are in the armed forces in Europe; a number pay their dues regularly, though they live out of the state. The Society's bulletin goes out to about 80 members, ex-members, and friends each month. The remaining numbers have retired, or have expired.

Dick Buhlis, charter member No. 1, was voted to Life Membership, and became life member No. 1. Dick actually organized the Arkansas Numismatic Society in April, 1948, was the first secretary, and ran the organization for several years. He is also president of the Arkansas Mineralogical Society, and is a mining properties consultant, making his home in Hot Springs National Park, Arkansas.

The formal program consisted in the showing of the A.N.A.'s Visual Education Committee's slides "Famous Women on Coins and Medals." The narrator was Pres. Rothert.

After the formal program members viewed the exhibits and did a lot of swapping of coins. An auction was held, short but lively. John Brown exhibited some nice paper money. Henry T. Williams exhibited U. S. and foreign coins, among the latter some old English crowns and several medieval coins. Reeves Anderson, some U. S. gold. Matt Rothert, proofs. S. W. Freeman had in addition to some fine U. S. copper, a beautiful collection of U. S. stamps.

After a most delightful buffet supper, fine southern style barbecue with all the trimmings, the meeting adjourned to meet next in Little Rock, Ark., the 2nd Sunday in May.

– RANDOLPH T. SMITH,
Secretary

ASHEVILLE COIN CLUB – The 9th annual meeting was held as a supper meeting Jan. 15 in the Green Room of the S. and W. cafeteria, with 25 members and guests present, Reid Lovelace presiding.

The President welcomed the guests and thanked the members for their cooperation in the past year. 1954 was a year of progress with nine new members.

"Uncle Gus" Lichtenfels spoke briefly, urging that as a club we ought to try to acquire more Bechtler gold. New officers were elected as nominated by Mrs. R. L. Smith, spokeswoman for the nominating committee. New officers are: President, Hanson Miller; Vice President, Troy Fortner; Secretary-Treasurer, Thelma Jones.

– THELMA JONES,
Secretary-Treasurer

ATLANTA COIN CLUB – The 434th meeting was held Feb. 15 at the Henry Grady Hotel, with Pres. George M. Todd presiding and 28 present.

The president expressed the sadness of members and friends at the passing on Feb. 6 of Mrs. John J. Gonzales, at age 94, beloved wife of our club founder. By formal resolution, appreciation was expressed to Mr. and Mrs. James H. Martin for their kind care and consideration in taking Mr. Gonzales into their home during Mrs. Gonzales' confinement in a hospital since New Year's Eve.

The President announced the early arrival of the Club's 25th anniversary wooden nickels – in sets of one, two and five round nickels, in color, with likeness of J. J. Gonzales, club founder; Stone Mountain, and Georgia peach. One set was formally presented to Mr. Gonzales, who gave a few words of thanks, with an appeal to the members to continue spirited interest in collecting and in the club. It was announced that one set of the wooden nickels will be sent to Emil DiBella of New York City.

The sets are now on sale at 50c a set postpaid, with priority given to orders of club members, limited to 10 sets each order. Orders may be sent to Edwin Harrison, 2018 Albany Drive, S. W., Atlanta, Georgia.

Program was the showing of A.N.A.'s Visual Education Committee Slide Set No. 15, "United States Paper Money, 1861-1923, Illustrated by \$5 Notes," with commentary by Edwin P. Morgan. Due to the popularity of this set with other clubs, it had taken much effort by Mr. Morgan to bring it to Atlanta. There were spontaneous "oh's" and "ah's" as each note was shown. The soft, vivid colors of this set are truly beautiful, with every detail clear and distinct. The commentary brought out the use of gold and silver coin as the only legal tender money of the United States for 69 years, with paper money considered a "necessary evil" when the nation found itself on the brink of war, its credit poor, and

the national debt at 76 million dollars, and Congress was forced to issue "soft money" with the Act of July 17, 1861.

The meeting adjourned after discussion of plans for the Annual Banquet to be held Tuesday, April 12, at the Henry Grady Hotel, with Leroy D. Martin in charge.

— MARGARET C. MCAULEY,
Secretary and Treasurer

BAY CITIES COIN CLUB—The 125th meeting was brought to order by Pres. C. G. Kimerly Jan. 27, in the Douglas Recreation Hall, Santa Monica, Calif., with 22 members and guests present. A fine program of slides on "Pattern U. S. Coins" was shown and narrated by Karl Brainard who also conducted a most lively and successful auction.

Bill Petreet (guest): Bril. unc. and proof set of F. E. and Ind. head cents.

Karl Brainard: Goloid pattern dollars.
C. A. Dunbar: Bril. unc. 42/1 Mercury dime.

Jim Miladin: LaFayette dollar.

— LEN VEZIRIAN,
Secretary

BERGEN COUNTY (N.J.) COIN CLUB

—The 9th meeting was called to order by Pres. Anton at the Red Lion Inn, with 33 present.

Pres. Anton spoke of the coming Metropolitan Convention and asked all those that could to exhibit.

New members are Benjamin Brown, Harry Mladushnik, Walter Fusser, W. H. Niedermeir, Ed. W. Mazurek, David Matas, Ralph Paradiso, Mrs. Marie Habernickel, M. Habernickel, Jr., William Boss, Joseph Rowinski.

Exhibits:

Wm. T. Anton: Sheets of 12 and 18 \$1 silver certificates, 12 1937-D 3-legged Buffalo nickels, silver bar—1952-S 43.38 ozs.

Ed. Black: U. S. 5c collection, Booker T. Washington halves.

A. D. Block: 1951 Festival of Britain set, 5 coins—1678—elephant and castle.

Herb Cook: Old Breeches Bible, 1579.

Herb Eccleston: Obsolete bank note, Hackensack, N. J.

Fred Gombash: \$10 gold, paper money.

David Matas: Indian cents, 1908-S, 1909-S, Mercury head dime set.

Anton Mayer: Gold \$14 to \$20, \$20 bill series 1902, national currency, \$5 silver certificate, series 1886.

Chas. Ragot: Medals, tokens, badges, tickets, books, pictures, menus, currency, coins relating to George Washington.

John Zamgochian: Frame of coins that won 2nd place ribbon at PAL show in Bergenfield, N. J.

Michael Zingale: 1937 British proof set.
George E. Meyer: Australian commemorative set.

— HERBERT COOK,
Secretary Pro Tem

BIRMINGHAM COIN CLUB MEETING

—The annual banquet Feb. 21 was enjoyed by 29 members and guests at Mrs. Todd's Dining Room. New officers were inaugurated.

A TV show, featured by John and Opal Morris along with the sons of Messrs. Gantt and Shavers, was reenacted. Only one coin was displayed but its rarity made up the difference. It was one of the now famous 1913 V nickels loaned by Mr. McDermott. Its history was explained by Mr. and Mrs. Morris who arranged for the loan of the coin.

Halsey Townes gave a talk on collecting coins with a purpose. His reason is

for the historical background of coins. Ancient coins in some cases are the only remaining written records of long departed civilizations.

— ADILE M. WATKINS,
Secretary and Treasurer

BRONX COIN CLUB—The 258th meeting was held on Feb. 23rd at the Concourse Plaza Hotel. Twenty-six members and guests were present.

Ernest Weidhaas gave an interesting account of coin weights as a forerunner of coins themselves; included in the talk were numerous references to the Bible and its account of coinage at the time. The speaker also exhibited various scales used in the early times for weighing coins and precious metals.

Exhibits:

William T. Anton: National currency, series of 1929, \$10, \$20, \$20 Federal reserve note, series of 1934A, Hawaii.

Saul Bellus: Two kronor of Norway, 1906, in commemoration of its independence; a 400 reis, 1906 of Brazil, and a book, "Recent Studies and Discoveries of Ancient Jewish and Syrian Coins."

Dr. V. Clain-Stefanelli: Two ancient bronze medallions showing the portrait of Antinous and struck in Smyrna and Bithynion respectively.

Aaron R. Feldman: Pillar dollar of Peru, 1754, Lima mint.

Raymond Gallo: Thirty-two hard times tokens and U. S. large cents 1795-1797.

Mr. Girolamo: Seventy coins of Norway, 1691-1952; U. S. double struck dime, rev. reads 101 cents; and several hard times tokens.

Henry Grunthal: Six ducat piece of Salzburg, 1561, probably unique.

Edward Janis: U. S. large cents, 1796 NC4; 1796 rare LIHERTY; 1797 S 142 and twenty-one hard times tokens Low 51-98.

Max L. Kaplan: U. S. large cent 1795 unc. D 66 and a Hungary, 100 korona, 1907, two-tone proof of Franz Joseph.

Martin Kortjohn: New issues of Mozambique, Luxembourg, Salvador, Thailand, St. Pierre-Miquelon, Chile and Yugoslavia.

William Pearson: Feuchtwanger cent and several three-cent pieces dated 1837; \$10 Federal reserve note with off-registered reverse.

Richard Picker: U. S. half cent 1795, G 6 on thick flan; 1793 cent S 1; 1796 S 81; 1815 quarter; 1814 dime and several Bolen copies of colonials.

William Pukall: Hard times tokens, Low 75-101.

Edward Rice: 140 different Washington medals; hard times tokens Low 51-100; a group of Canadian medals and a 1955 mint set.

H. M. Severin: Bronze medal, 1862 of Russia, commemorating 1,000 years of the founding of the Russian State.

William A. Stumpp: \$5 note of the Kirkland Safety Society Bank, Kirkland, Ohio issued July 1837 and signed by J. Smith, Jr., founder of Mormonism.

Jacques D. Sweyd: U. S. dimes 1827-1837 and liberty standing quarters 1916-1930.

Domenic Trotta: Fractional currency, Bristol, also a Crawford signed by J. C. Neu and a Dexter piece.

Thomas J. Wass III: U. S. large cents and dimes 1832-1848.

Ernest Weidhaas: Coin scales of the eighteenth century of America, England, Dutch, French and German; also coin weights of Crete, Egypt, Arabia, Portugal, France, England and Ireland.

— THOMAS J. WASS III,
Recording Secretary

BROOKLYN COIN CLUB - The 260th meeting was held Feb. 2 at the Granada Hotel with Pres. Voigt in the chair. There were 41 present.

Dr. Lippman reported his committee had completed arrangements for the members' exhibits during National Coin Week to be displayed in the main lobby of the Brooklyn Public Library at East-ern Parkway and Flatbush Avenue.

Frank Saco advised that he wished to donate some numismatic books to the club; Mr. Kitzler donated "Twentieth Century Coins of the World."

George E. Meyer was elected to membership.

Boris Wishy will read a paper on American dollars at the April meeting.

Exhibits:

Herman S. Bernstein: 1791 Washington cent, 10 half dimes, 1829 to 1858 proof and unc.

Aaron R. Feldman: \$10 silver certificate, 1933.

Chas. Fuhr: Pine tree shilling, S.P. & L.P., oak tree shilling, oak tree sixpence, 1802 dollar, 1795 half dollar, six Washington colonials, Lincoln campaign medals and three colonial notes.

Michael Granis: Type set of U. S. quarters.

Chas. Hollander: 7 in. diameter bronze plaques showing the reverses of a Fugio cent, Spanish piece of 8 and 16th century Venetian coin.

Rev. Frank H. Hutchins: Unc. 1852 cent N.S., proof 1950 quarter, Osborne Coinage Co. Lincoln medal, 1915 Austria 10 Corona gold, \$20 Federal Reserve note 1914, and a book "Coins of the Popes."

Max L. Kaplan: Nine different unc. standing Liberty quarters.

Sidney H. Kitzler: Set of large cents 1793 to 1857.

M. Koplik: 1943 nickel, large planchet.

Richard J. Layman: Large cents, 1802, 1826 and 1837.

Arthur Leeds: Set of large cents 1793 to 1857.

Dr. L. H. Lippman: Pedley Ryan dollar, three coins of French Oceania and four coins of Vatican City.

Victor Melnechuck: 10 litu of Lithuania 1936; 50 dinars of Yugoslavia 1932; 5 perpera of Montenegro 1909; Albania 1 lek 1931, ½ lek 1930 and ¼ lek 1926, 5 kopecks of Crimea 1781 and 1 rouble of Russia 1655 overstruck on West-phalian thaler.

George E. Meyer: Two Swiss shooting festival crowns 1874 and 1885.

Philip Ribner: Half eagle 1810 unc. tall date.

Irving Shapiro: Set of Washington quarters 1932 to 1954.

Thomas J. Wass III: 1798 large cent.

Moe Weinschel: Set large cents 1793 to 1857 exc. 1799; set Washington quarters, 1932 to 1954; Washington cent 1783, Unity States.

Boris Wishy: 3 in. bronze Eisenhower medal.

- SIDNEY H. KITZLER,
Recording Secretary

CAMDEN COUNTY COIN CLUB - The first annual dinner was held Feb. 28 at the Walt Whitman Hotel, Camden, N. J. The 30 members and guests who attended had a very enjoyable evening.

Guest speaker was Samuel West of Deepwater, N. J., who exhibited and described in detail his extensive collection of paper money, silver dollars, half dollars, and large souvenir cents.

Outstanding displays for the past year were: 1st place: Frank Tamney, shooting coins and gun money. 2nd place: Wm. Boss, complete collection of commemo-

rative half dollars. 3rd place: Thomas Wilson, complete collection of large and Indian cents.

Exhibits:

Harmon Rodgers: South Africa proof set 1954; U. S. proof sets 1950, 1955.

Ernst Kraus: Coins of Biblical times.

Saul Solomon: Collection of 2c pieces, matched proofs; plastic impression of U. S. chain cent used for slide projection; catalog of British coins which he donated to our library.

Leslie Hess: Collection of 2c; lettered edge 50c; commemorative 50c.

A number of door prizes were awarded and the evening was brought to a conclusion with a brisk, and well conducted auction by Mr. Hess.

- HARMON K. RODGERS,
Corresponding Secretary

CHICAGO COIN CLUB - The 433rd meeting was held Feb. 9 in the LaSalle Hotel, Pres. Elston G. Bradfield presiding, with 70 in attendance.

Glenn Smedley, banquet chairman, announced the annual banquet will be held in the Congress Hotel, Oct. 29-30.

Glenn Smedley presented the premier showing of the A.N.A. slide set No. 19 on State Bank Notes. This excellent set of slides with accompanying lecture notes was enthusiastically received.

Dr. Carl Westmark conducted a 23 lot impromptu auction.

Exhibits:

Michael Dolnick: Six Chinese silver dollars with portraits of past presidents of Chinese republic.

Walter Nemecek: Set Liberty head 5c, unc.

Harold R. Klein: Set small cents, 1856-1954, proof and unc. gems of uniform golden color.

Glenn Smedley: Ormsby's book on bank note engraving published in 1852, and six state bank notes which are part of the A.N.A. slide set No. 19.

Clyde L. Grimm: 1953 mint set. Mr. Grimm presented data on the number of coins issued in 1953 and 1873 and compared the number of coins in circulation with the population.

Arlie Slabaugh: Four bank notes and pictures of machinery used for note engraving.

- MICHAEL M. DOLNICK,
Secretary

CHITTENDEN COUNTY COIN CLUB - The 46th meeting was called to order by Vice Pres. Hill. One visitor was present. The secretary reported the sale of coin books was very satisfactory.

An article on numeral styles on our coins was read by a member.

Many members expressed their desire to buy 1954 unc. sets from the Treasurer of the United States as well as 1955 proof sets from the Philadelphia mint.

A committee will present a slate of officers at the next meeting.

- C. B. HOLCOMBE,
Corresponding Secretary

CINCINNATI NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION - Vice President Walter Broker greeted 25 members and guests at the regular meeting in the Hotel Metropole, Feb. 11.

A quarter of a century ago our club held its first meeting. A steady attendance is a most convincing indication of the interest in numismatology during that time. The "Coin Quiz" questions, as Marcus Brown who submitted them had predicted, stumped all but him. This feature of our program stimulates a rewarding search for facts and con-

tributes to our store of knowledge on numismatics.

Exhibits:

G. Parvin: Set of large Canadian cents, 1858 through 1920.

E. Mitchell: Rare 1916-D dime (unc.), four unc. 5-peso gold pieces from Mexico.

L. Tosky: 1795 half dime.

T. Rogers: 1798 over 7 dime.

C. Weber: Eisenhower presidential medal.

H. Meiss: 1910 sovereign.

J. Marks: 1858 pattern F. E. cent.

M. Fessenden: Eight denominations Confederate currency.

H. Kleine: Bronze presidential medals of Lincoln, Washington, Eisenhower mounted in beautiful hand fabricated wood plaque.

S. Kaplan: Six \$50 and six \$100 large size bills, all very rare.

W. Broker: Two "Cradle of the Union" Albany medals in plastic holder (1 bronze, 1 silver).

P. Lyon: 1947 "Double" Canadian mint set.

An auction closed the evening.

— MARVIN S. FESSENDEN,
Secretary

COIN CLUB OF RHODE ISLAND —

A regular meeting was held at the Sheraton Biltmore Hotel, Providence, R. I. on Feb. 18th with 47 members and guests present.

Three new members were elected. They were: Walter J. Grimala, Jerry Morrone, Kenneth E. Pickard.

Mr. Bushnell introduced the speaker of the evening, James Ford Clapp, Jr., who spoke on the classical Greek and Roman coinage. He started his talk with an American coin and ended it with an American coin. His talk was extremely interesting and was illustrated with a set of slides. At the end of the talk there was also a display of coins from the speaker's collection which members were free to handle and examine.

— D. S. WRATHALL,
Secretary

THE CORN BELT COIN CLUB — Meeting was held in the YMCA building, Feb. 7th. Our new officers presided: James Greer, president; Dr. C. R. Ahroon, vice president; Roy Pochel, secretary. We had 142 paidup members for 1954.

Mr. Greer gave a very interesting discussion on two old numismatic books he picked up in a used book store, Heath's *Counterfeit Detector*, and the *U. S. Mint*. Both books were very interesting.

Set of A.N.A. slides No. 11 were shown and there were a number of very beautiful and interesting medals. Auction was held and it still showed the upward trend, especially in the scarcer coins, 1909-S VDB, 1914-D, 1931-S cents, 1916-D, 1921 dimes. There were 68 members and guests present.

— ORIN IMIG,
A.N.A. Club Representative

DALLAS COIN CLUB — The 321st meeting was held in the Baker Hotel, Jan. 20 with Pres. Gordon Bleuler presiding and 38 members and visitors present. It was decided that a banquet would be held in 1955 for members and guests, and a year book would be printed.

H. H. Pinkerton gave a talk on United States currency and he had an excellent display of notes to show.

After a 34-lot auction, the meeting was adjourned.

— ROBERT L. JOHNSTON,
Secretary

DELAWARE VALLEY COIN CLUB —

The monthly meeting was held in the American Legion Home, Woodbury, Feb. 21st, with 48 members and six visitors in attendance, Pres. Rowe presiding.

The president reported that we are receiving some response from other clubs to the copies of our monthly bulletin being sent out to them and read some of the letters. He also announced that he had given a short talk on coins before the Wenonah Lions Club.

Program Chairman Earl J. Summers held our attention with A.N.A. Slide Set "Odds and Ends of Coinage." Vice President Bob Sax was the narrator and Harold Steelman operated the projector.

Exhibits were displayed by the brothers, DeCou, Herbert Van Horn and William Fogherty. An auction followed the meeting.

EAST BAY COIN CLUB, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA —

The Feb. 11 meeting was called to order by Pres. Gilbert D. Eaton. He welcomed the 88 members and guests.

Mr. Ritchie reported on visits to other coin clubs. The next visit will be to the Petaluma Club. We will also visit the Pacific Coast Numismatic Society. Everyone was urged to join in these visits. Mr. McArthur introduced three members from the San Carlos Club. Several members from San Jose were introduced, as were members from the P.C.N.S. and Vallejo Club.

Mr. Monteagle commented on publicity for the convention and asked for any contributions. Efforts will be made to obtain TV time.

A questionnaire prepared by the Board of Governors was shown and explained. All members were urged to complete the questionnaire. It is hoped that this can be used to further improve the programs and services of the Club.

Exhibits:

Leo A. Young: First issue of all U. S. coins, 1/2 cent through \$50 gold.

John E. Ohls: Commemoratives of Washington and Lincoln.

Roland Meyers: Statue of Lincoln made out of old paper money.

Victor Madden: Complete set BU Liberty nickels.

Clifford Bloom: Prussian gold of Frederick the Great, 1783.

Ken Allen: Gold coins and fractional currency.

Don Thrall: 5 marks of Prussia mounted in wooden beer glass cover; crown of Prussia cut out for a Medallion.

Earl Parker: 1852 gold slug and three facsimiles; Irish proof set in shamrock plastic.

Alan Craig: Money sarong of South Sea Islands.

D. L. Rhodes: Oban 5 rial of Japan, probably a pattern in silver; crown of Bombay 1717 in lead.

Walter Gerth: China pants money, 250-34 B.C.; 1918 tokens made from German cannon.

Edward Fogler: Edison, Lincoln, Washington medals.

Roy Hill: Lincoln literature; cents used to pay 1955 license fees; "brilliant beat-up" hat money.

Al Smith: Numismatic Lincolniana.

George F. Hodges: 50 peso gold Mexico; 2 peso commemorative.

B. M. O'Hea: New coinage of Yemen.

Leo Young of Lockeford spoke on odd and curious money. Much so-called "odd money" has been used as a media of exchange, but there is some about which there is doubt as to whether it ever actually circulated, or was accepted as money. Money was first used to pur-

chase a wife. The use of a dowry is a holdover from this custom. In so-called primitive areas the medium of exchange — money — is something prized by all, not too easily come by. Mr. Young displayed tea bricks, beaver pelt, Swedish plate money, Yap Island stone, Chinese tree money, and several pieces of African tribal money. Following this, Mr. Young briefly explained the workings of a large mail and floor-bid auction.

— DON T. THRALL,
Recording Secretary

GARFIELD NUMISMATISTS — We heard an interesting talk on counterfeit money by Dennis Olswang of San Francisco. He told of the problems in connection with detecting bad money and had many articles with which he illustrated his talk. He also showed a few samples of properly prepared coins for exhibit purposes as a guide to preparing exhibits for National Coin Week and the coming California State Numismatic Association.

The meetings are back at the Berkeley School Administration Building, 1414 Cedar St., Berkeley and are on the second Tuesday of the month. Good programs are being lined up for the meetings of April 12th and May 10th.

— ARTHUR JOHNSON,
Secretary

GRAND RAPIDS COIN CLUB — The 66th meeting was held Feb. 17 in the Rowe Hotel. The newly elected officers who assumed their duties were as follows:

President: Arthur Hostreiter; Vice President: Wallace Webster; Secretary-Treasurer: Mrs. Garland C. Hughes.

There were 40 members and guests present. Following the business meeting an auction was conducted by the president. The balance of the evening was devoted to informal discussion of coins and the customary swap session.

— MRS. GARLAND C. HUGHES,
Secretary

GREATER CLEVELAND JUNIOR COIN CLUB — The 19th regular meeting of Feb. 18 was called to order by Pres. Roger Lisy; 20 members were present.

The Club is going to hold a special meeting April 9, 1955 at Mr. Kolman's home. At this special meeting the members will bring their coins which they will display during National Coin Week at the Cleveland Trust Bank in Parma, Ohio.

James Gottfried and Tom Witt were accepted into the club. The members discussed what effect the closing of the San Francisco mint would produce.

The displays were as follows: Glenn Stoup, Jr., the MacArthur set, and Kenneth Petche, the Ohio Sesquicentennial official medallion.

A short recess was held and an auction soon followed.

— KENNETH PETCHE,
Secretary-Treasurer

LEHIGH VALLEY COIN CLUB — The 167th meeting was held Feb. 17 at the American Legion Post Home in Hellertown, Pa. Pres. J. Byron Godshall presided. Fifty-one members and 17 guests were present. Two new members were elected.

Plans were made for our annual picnic to be held in June in Allentown.

Pres. Godshall had a few novelties from his collection on display and explained each one: a 1920 cent with the

axis of the reverse rotated 180 degrees; a large U. S. cent with two heads, 1853 and 1854; a 1939 five cent piece apparently struck on a dime planchet; a large piece of Swedish plate money, dated 1757; some Seneca wampum; 3 ancient copper coins of which he had made spectrographic analyses and photomicrographs, showing a poor blend of metals. Auction followed.

— LUTHER J. DECK,
Secretary

LONG BEACH COIN CLUB — The 57th meeting was held March 1 at the new meeting quarters at Linden Hall, 208 Linden Avenue, Long Beach, Calif. The permanent meeting date is the first Tuesday of the month — guests are always cordially welcomed. Pres. Charles Johnson called the meeting to order. Four new members were received. Our attendance was 64 members and guests.

S. J. Kabealo spoke about collecting U. S. coins. He illustrated his talk with displays of proof coins. He suggested that collectors: (1) select a plan and (2) collect systematically with a regular investment. Along with the benefits of research and pleasure, one can realize a safe financial gain. Mr. Kabealo emphasized the need for dealers to counsel and direct the aims and directions of coin collectors to further enjoyment and profit from their hobby.

After the coffee hour the usual auction took place.

— NORMA BOLDMAN PYLE,
Publicity Chairman

LONG ISLAND COIN CLUB — The 24th meeting was called to order by Pres. M. Granis Feb. 25 with 16 present. Our annual dinner was postponed till the future. The new officers for 1955 were installed, exhibits viewed, refreshments served.

Exhibits:

Vincent W. Alones: Medieval coins of Denmark and Netherlands.

Morris Bram: Mint set of Ireland; Albany medal.

Robert Cohn: Books on ancient coins. M. Granis: 1913 proof set, Lundy coins 1 puffin and ½ puffin.

Foster M. Jenkins: 1, 2 and 5 Chiao of Formosa, 5 pesos of Mexico 1947 to 1953. Richard Picker: Large cents of 1793 (2) 1809; 1797 \$10 gold piece; Isabella quarter unc.

Hugh P. Stone: 1938 to 1954 proof sets. Emil Voigt: 1909 Phila. mint set and 1909 proof set.

— VINCENT W. ALONES,
Secretary

LONG ISLAND COIN CLUB — The 25th meeting Mar. 1, was called to order by Pres. Foster M. Jenkins with 15 present. Milton D. Smith was accepted as a member.

Exhibits:

Vincent W. Alones: 1883 dollar of Hawaii, Philippine Islands 1898 and 1903.

R. R. Baumann: 2 cent pieces 1864 to 1870; 1909 Lincoln S-VDB; 1864 L. Indian head.

Morris Bram: South Africa 1954 proof set.

Robert Cohn: Book on imperial coins.

M. Granis: 2 stivers of Java 1804 copper bar — 2 Siam animal weights used as coins.

Foster M. Jenkins: 1954 set of Greece unc.

A. Phillips: 1881 \$10 gold piece, die break on reverse.

Hugh Stone: Nickels from 1883 to 1954, in proof and unc.

Emil Voigt: 1942 proof set mounted in plastic and various sitting Liberty dollars and standing liberty quarters.

— VINCENT W. ALONES,
Secretary

LOUISVILLE COIN CLUB—The 9th regular meeting was called to order by Pres. Harry Tileston Feb. 1st; 21 were present. The president appointed his committees for the following year. A motion was made that dues be reduced from \$12 to \$3 a year, to be voted on at the March meeting.

— I. B. CRAMER,
Recording Secretary

MARYLAND NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

—The 41st meeting was held on Jan. 27th with Wm. Hepting, 1st Vice President, presiding. T. Gordon Roberts was elected Second Vice President, vacant by resignation. "Show and Tell" Mrs. Edward Plummer showed her collection of modern copper coins of the Mohammedan states; also greeting cards from foreign countries to coin collectors. Jerry Cohn told about Judgen and colonial America and numismatic literature. "True Tales of Buried Treasure," by Ed R. Snow. He also displayed his Lima, Peru, 4 reals of 1754. Gen. Harry Ruhl showed his gem 1921 10c and a Maryland medal, "Maryland at the Panama Pacific International Exposition." Mrs. J. E. M. Wood displayed Canadian cents, large and small.

— MRS. J. E. M. WOOD,
Secretary

MEMPHIS COIN CLUB—The Feb. 15 meeting was a dinner that was fully enjoyed by the splendid number of members present. The only drawback was that our President, Frank Sturm, was still on the sick list. We are hoping that Mr. Sturm can be with us at our next meeting, as he is being missed.

After the display of very choice gold coins, we adjourned.

— W. H. BRODERICK,
Secretary

MIAMI COIN CLUB—The 76th regular meeting was held at the YMCA Feb. 17 with Pres. H. A. Brand in the chair. There were 26 in attendance.

Ex-President Pollard started a course of detailed descriptions of the symbolism on U. S. commemoratives covering the issues through 1918.

Exhibits:

Otto E. Sghia: Numerous pieces of Bryan memorabilia and a large number of so-called dollars.

Wm. Fox Steinberg: 31 satirical medals of the 1st World War struck in Germany.

H. A. Brand: Coins from countries starting with the letter A and a number of Japanese attempted counterfeits of U. S. coins.

A. E. Kelpsh: An 1825 Russian rouble of Constantian, believed to be the rarest European coin of the 19th century.

Sidney Sanders: U. S. proof sets of 1872, 1936 and 1950.

A. M. Kagin: A complete 5 piece Panama Pacific commemorative set and a stella.

— VERA C. SNOW,
Secretary

NEW JERSEY NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

—The 253rd regular meeting was called to order by Pres. Blaisdell at the Military Park Hotel in Newark, N. J., on Feb. 10.

Officers elected for 1955 are: President: Willard C. Blaisdell; Vice President: Arthur H. Mershon; Secretary: Thurman L. Baskin; Treasurer: Lewis O. Goodman.

The topic for the evening was numismatic material pertaining to Washington and Lincoln. Exhibits:

W. C. Blaisdell: Fifty medals of Washington and Lincoln; also legal tender and silver certificates.

J. P. Ward: Complete set Lincoln cents and Lincoln medal.

A. C. Mayer: Washington quarters, Lincoln cents, and silver medal of Washington; also \$20 Federal Reserve note and 10c scrip of the city of Newark, N. J.

W. T. Anton: Silver certificates, sheet of 18 (series 1935E) and sheet of 12 (series 1935D); also four types U. S. gold dollars.

L. O. Goodman: Seven 1953 Lincoln cents with various irregularities including restruck 3 in date; also 1889 silver dollar.

H. C. Mathews: Thirteen silver dollars of South America; triple thaler of Sweden (1650); Mexico 8 R of 1611 (dubious).

A. C. Hodapp: Silver certificates, fourth issue \$1, \$2, and \$5; legal tender notes, fourth issue \$1, \$2, and \$5.

E. A. Rice: Trade dollars in proof 1873 to 1884 incl.

T. L. Baskin: Twenty-six different Friedberg varieties of fractional currency showing Washington and Lincoln; also 1916 McKinley gold dollar.

— T. L. BASKIN,
Secretary

NEW YORK NUMISMATIC CLUB

—The 554th meeting was held Feb. 11th at No. 2 Park Ave., New York, N. Y. Pres. Oscar G. Schilke presided. There were 29 members and guests present.

Donald Rogasner of Philadelphia delivered an extremely interesting talk on Early European Thalers.

Exhibits:

B. Babbitt: Gerona 1808 un duro fer VII.

H. S. Bareford: Wm. & Mary Guinea, 1/4 Dimes 1839, 1840 Proof, 1946 Proof, 1855 Proof, 1860 Transitional.

Dr. J. Blanchard: Colonial and Continental currency, notes signed by three signers of the Declaration of Independence, Benjamin Franklin notes, two signed vignettes, uncut sheet of Delaware notes, etc.

V. L. Brown: Ethiopia, \$1, \$5 notes. Greece, 5, 2, 1 drachma, 50, 20, 10, 5 lepta, 1954.

Herbert Cahn of Basle, Switzerland: An unpublished silver coin of Cyrene.

V. Clain-Stefanelli: Group of 12 ancient and modern necessity and siege pieces.

H. J. Erlanger: Sprinzenstein thaler 1717 (by P. H. Muller).

A. R. Feldman: 16th century crowns, broken bank notes Georgia-Virginia.

Henry Grunthal: Twelve different gourde pieces of Haiti.

E. K. Hessberg: Half dimes 1839, 1841, 1851-Q, 1862, 1870, 1871, 1871-S.

M. Kortjohn: Half dimes from 1847 to 1873, Philadelphia, San Francisco and New Orleans.

Henry Kotzen: Siege pieces of Lyons, Mayence, Mantua.

R. Margolis: French pattern 5 franc pieces in copper and white metal of the competition of 1814-15.

Thos. F. Morris: Selection of U. S. Federal Reserve notes.

R. I. Nesmith: Medal of Charles I England, struck in Edinburgh 1633.

Richard Picker: Second known specimen of new variety of Vermont cent (described page 162 of February 1955 *Numismatist*). Large size Washington success token, silver. Small size Washington success token, white metal.

G. Beale: Half dimes, unc. 1855 arrows, 1858, 1861, 1862.

Mark M. Salton: Roman denarii of Didia Clara, Pescennius Niger and other emperors.

Oscar G. Schilke: Various \$1, \$5 and \$10 U. S. notes; misprints, etc.

R. Solomon: 1861 double eagle.

Thomas J. Wass III: U. S. large cent 1798 Clapp 24, Shelton 164.

Messrs. Anton, Feldman and Dr. Blanchard were elected to membership.

— E. K. HESSBERG,
Secretary-Treasurer

NORWOOD COIN CLUB—The regular monthly meeting was held Jan. 19 at the Northeastern YMCA, Norwood, Pres. George Batsche presiding.

The following officers were elected: President: Al Steuer; Vice President: Lester Wilder; Secretary: Bob Rogers; Treasurer: Bruce Stove; Bd. Governors: Phil Lyon.

— RICHARD DUSTERBERG,
Secretary

OAK PARK COIN CLUB—The 48th meeting was held at the Community Chest, Oak Park, Illinois, on Jan. 14, Pres. W. H. Kimball presiding. There were 39 members and guests present.

The new officers are: Paul Igelman: President; Norman Andrews, Jr.: Vice President; Tom Hickey, Jr.: Secretary-Treasurer.

Exhibits:

Ben Odesser: World's smallest coin.

Walter Nemecek: 1891 nickel machined at 1893 World's Columbian Exposition.

Clyde Grimm: Three Vermont copper cent pieces.

Guest: Mr. Catalano: Fine exhibit of cut and uncut currency.

— T. J. HICKEY, JR.,
Secretary

OAK PARK COIN CLUB—The 49th meeting was held at the Community Chest Rooms Feb. 11th, Pres. Paul Igelman presiding. There were 30 members and guests present.

Elected to membership were Robert Cerbik and Ronald Ciaglia.

A fund was set up for refreshments at the meetings.

A set of auction rules was submitted by the auction committee.

Exhibits:

E. L. Salisbury: Complete set of commemorative half dollars.

Norman Andrews: An extensive collection of mis-struck Lincoln cents.

Warren Kimball: Miscellaneous tickets, medals, letters, cards and currency with Lincoln portraits.

Walter Nemecek: Complete set of Liberty Head nickels uncirculated.

Clyde Grimm: Two Lincoln medals, four silver 8 reales pieces and one copper ½ real piece.

— T. J. HICKEY, JR.,
Secretary

OAKLAND JUNIOR COIN CLUB—The February 17th meeting at the Oakland Boys Club, 8530 E. 14th St., Oakland, was featured by a talk by R. G. McArthur, secretary of the California State Numismatic Association with a presentation of U. S. large cents.

A letter from William De Rade, a member who had just left for the Air Force, was read and his keen interest in coin goings-on in his home area was evident by his many questions.

The members are looking forward to making an exhibit at the Boys Club for National Boys Club Week late in March and then the California State Numismatic Association convention at the Hotel Claremont April 29th to May 1st.

Swapping coins to fill up the empty spaces in the cent, nickel, dime and other boards is a monthly feature.

— BRUCE PAYNE,
Secretary

OKLAHOMA CITY COIN CLUB—The 183rd regular meeting was held at the Central Y.M.C.A. Feb. 22nd with 34 members and guests present, Pres. J. Sureck presiding. Prior to the meeting a banquet was held in honor of General Secretary Lewis Reagan who was visiting the club for this meeting.

William Dale read a paper on the role of George Washington in the early numismatics of the country. The desire of Washington to establish a solid coinage for the country was apparent and he felt a mint should be built in Philadelphia as soon as possible. The rapid and firm methods he used in crushing the "Whiskey Rebellion" in western Pennsylvania which threatened to undermine the financial security of the nation clearly indicated that Washington recognized the value of coinage. In fact, the famous story of how Washington donated his own silver service so the first dimes could be struck is merely another indication of his anxiety to create economic stability. The personal greatness of the man is further seen in his refusal to allow Congress to place his likeness on the first coins, and his insistence that the symbolic bust of Liberty be used instead of a bust of himself shows his deep feelings on freedom.

Numismatically, Mr. Dale divided items bearing the Washington likeness into three classes, coins, tokens and medals. The U. S. has used the likeness of its first President on three occasions, first on the only commemorative dollar ever struck, secondly on the sesquicentennial 50c of 1926 where Washington was portrayed with the then president of the country, and finally the use of his bust on the 1932 25c which was initially intended as a commemorative but later made the regular issue. Washington tokens were not official, but did see some circulation due to a desire to honor Washington and to a shortage of small change. Finally, the many medals that were struck and are being struck in his honor were noted with some emphasis on the early ones such as the famous "death" medals recently described in *The Numismatist*.

At the conclusion of the paper, Mr. Reagan was introduced and presented the Edward T. Newell award for contributions to Greek and Roman numismatics to Dr. J. Lhotka, Jr., in recognition of his "East Roman" articles which have been appearing in *The Numismatist* since early 1954. The club is honored that one of its members was selected by the A.N.A. for this award.

Following the meeting, an open house was held at the home of the secretary so all members could have the opportunity of meeting Mr. Reagan.

Exhibits:

P. K. Anderson: Four soles of Peru and three pesos of Chile countermarked by Guatemala to pass as ½ pesos.

Helen Canale: Puffin and half-puffin of Lundy Island.

William Dale: Two "Conder" tokens of Washington, a "cent" of 1783 and a "North Wales" of 1795.

Claude Farwell: U. S. dollars from 1795 to 1803.

Mrs. Galbraith: Thirteen sales tax tokens in aluminum, brass, plastic.

John Koberg: German organizational medal presented in 1916 for long and faithful service.

Lola Laxton: Number of U. S. coins of the early 20th century.

J. Lhotka: Triple counterstruck 40 nummia piece first issued by Justinian, then counterstruck by Focas, and finally by Heraclius. Traces of all three types and inscriptions are present.

Ralph Osborne: Roll of 1931-S cents.

Jake Sureck: Ten Civil War Washington tokens, seven medals of Washington, and a "Wellington" medal bearing inscription that would seem to apply directly to Washington although intended for the "Iron Duke."

O. W. Tims: 1917 U. S. 25c.

— HELEN CANALE,
Secretary

OREGON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY —

Meeting was held at the Benson Hotel Feb. 14, with 39 members present. New officers are as follows: J. C. Bushnell, president; William Lamb, vice president; Mrs. Clyde L. Davis, secretary; Clyde L. Davis, co-secretary; William Worth, treasurer; Bert Allumbaugh, director; and E. V. Burns, director.

Exhibits: R. S. Carter, unc. Indian head cents; J. A. Townsley, set Barber dimes and Buffalo nickels; S. L. Burnaugh, Canadian paper money; Geo. McLarty, tray Jackson cents and tray war tokens; Robt. L. Homes, 3c pieces and guerilla currency piece; Joe Shearman, type set commemorative 50c; W. E. Lamb, miscellaneous paper money and state bank notes; W. C. Henry, odd gold pieces; D. B. Spencer, Mexican gold and 15 varieties of U. S. proofs; Lloyd Ruff, Oregon tokens, foreign minor silver and crowns of Portugal and Colombia; James Padden, Japanese Cho Gin and Mameita Gin; Otis Hazel, set standing liberty quarters; Evans Cheeseman, misc.; Arnold Aschwanden, flying eagle and Indian head; Budd Larson, misc. nickels; J. C. Bushnell, set 1802-1836 50c; Mrs. C. L. Davis, foreign mixture; Mr. C. L. Davis, Canadian and British dollars and crowns.

Auction held at end of meeting.

— MRS. CLYDE L. DAVIS,
Secretary

PACIFIC COAST NUMISMATIC SOCIETY — The 468th meeting was held at the Sheraton-Palace Hotel, Feb. 23, and attended by 41 members and 25 guests.

Another manuscript on numismatics was given Earl Parker for our annual competition.

The evening program, consisting of California material, ranged from pioneer law enforcement badges to pioneer gold coins. The following had displays: Clifford H. Bloom, Cmdr. H. F. Bowker, Julius Fulton, Walter E. Gerth, Roy Hill, A. G. K. Jakobsen, Charles V. Kappen, C. L. Liss, Les Lodge, Kurt Lorel, Bernard M. O'Hea, John E. Ohls, Earl Parker, F. C. Powell, David Redfield,

Don Rhodes, A. W. Richie, Alvin R. Smith, Paul Snedeker, Anatol Soholdosky and Leo Young.

— MRS. EULA C. JAKOBSEN,
Secretary

PHILADELPHIA COIN CLUB — The 235th meeting was held at the Benjamin Franklin Hotel Jan. 18 with Pres. Paul K. Yeagley presiding and 56 members and guests present.

The members were informed that Joseph Moss, former A.N.A. president was recovering. It was also learned with regret that H. G. Taylor, Member No. 17, died Dec. 24, 1954.

As the evening's entertainment President Yeagley read a paper entitled "Franklin and Numismatics." The varied career of Franklin was briefly reviewed, and it was brought out that Franklin, in the course of his trade as a printer, printed early issues of paper money for the colonies. Franklin is believed to have influenced the adoption of the legends which were placed on the Fugio cent authorized by the Continental Congress.

Exhibits:

Richard Hooper: 72 Greek and Roman coins. This exhibit was voted the best of the evening.

Paul Yeagley: 10 silver dollars of different dates gathered from the recent issuances of silver dollars by the banks.

Arthur Sipe: A Christmas card from Barcelona, Spain, and a Benjamin Franklin commemorative medal.

Howard Davidson: Medal of Woodrow Wilson in connection with the opening of the mint in Manila, Philippine Islands.

Howard Street: Eisenhower presidential medal.

An auction concluded the evening.

— JOSEPH A. BYERS,
Secretary

RACINE NUMISMATIC SOCIETY — The 202nd meeting was held Feb. 10, at the Y.M.C.A. It was presided over by Vice President R. S. Yeoman in the absence of Pres. A. Hall, and was attended by 22 members and guests.

Dr. Bacon spoke about his favorite coins, a Florida plantation token, from 1685-89, the first coin struck for the American colonies during the reign of James II and a Wood's farthing from 1722-24.

The following were also exhibited: Emanuel Dryer, a 1919S Lincoln cent misstrike and a 10c fractional currency; Richard Yeoman, a silver penny of King Knute, the well-liked Danish king; Roy Miller, an 1864 Indian cent proof and an 1864L Indian; and Gary Bluemink, Sr., an 1883 Liberty nickel without cents, a 1912 5 guilder gold from the Netherlands and a 1942 1/10 guilder from the Netherlands East Indies.

— N. H. BRUSKY,
Secretary

ROCHESTER NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION — The 936th meeting was held Feb. 1st at the Museum of Arts and Sciences. There were 39 members and visitors present. Pres. James I. McGowan presided.

Phillip L. Strem and Glenn E. Coleman were elected to membership.

The speaker was Mrs. Stella Osterman. Her subject was, "Coins with Special Significance." This is one of the Visual Education Programs by Edward T. Newell. The slides are in color and very

pleasing to the eye. This program consists of a series of coins, each one having some very special interest to the collector. The series takes one back to the earliest days of metal coinage 560 B.C. down to the first commemorative coinage of the United States in 1892. The A.N.A. has a number of other programs well worth-while using in your programs.

Exhibits:

Howard F. Osterman: Crown of South-east Rhodesia of 1953 proof; U. S. proof set of 1936 second issue; Austria Tyrol thaler of 1486 restrike of 1953.

George J. Bauer: Silver half stater of Lydia 561 to 546 B.C.; tetradrachm of Ptolemy as satrap and king, 2 varieties; shekel of Tyre.

John J. Pittman: Maria Theresa dollar of 1780 proof; Austria 1953 Tyrol thaler of 1486 restrike; 8 reales (pillar dollar) of Mexico 1771 EF; England - Mexico 8 reales counterstamped with head of George III in oval - Spain 4 reales with similar counterstamp; same with counterstamp in octagon (also 4 reales of Mexico with counterstamp in octagon); pine tree shilling - large and small flan EF; 1787 Fugio cent in silver - New Haven dies; 1795 U. S. dollars - 4 specimens; 1877-P-S and -CC trade dollars proof and unc.; 3 cents silver of 1851; 1893 Columbian half dollar unc.; 1893 Isabella 25 cents unc.; 50 cents U. S. 1795 unc.; U. S. half dollars 1807 to 1836 complete date set unc.; half dollar "S" mint of 1855 fine, counterstamped "J. Polyhemus"; U.S. 1954-S half dollar unc.; 1855-S quarter unc.; 1954-S quarter unc.; 1849-O, 1855-O and 1891-O quarters unc.; 1872-CC and 1873-CC quarters EF and F; New Orleans half dollars 1839-1909 inclusive except 1853 without rays and arrows; Libertas Americana medal - copper - 2 specimens; 5 drachmai of Greece 1833, 1876 and 1901 V.F.; sovereign of Canada 1918 unc.

L. B. Cartwright: Pine tree shilling - large flan EF.

Herbert W. VandenBrul: London pig token, Thos. Spence, Sir. Thos. More and Thos. Paine; Leslie two cent token of Canada.

Robert M. Roecker: 1950 Holy Year set of the Vatican.

Edmund J. Cox: Complete set of standing liberty quarters unc.

William A. Elston, Jr.: William A. Elston, Jr. R.N.A. presidential presentation medals in case.

James I. McGowan: 1954 proof and mint sets in holder.

- MRS. STELLA OSTERMAN,
Secretary

ROCHESTER NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

- The 937th meeting was held Feb. 15th at the Rochester Museum of Arts and Sciences. There were 28 members and guest present. Vice President Howard F. Osterman was the presiding officer.

Joseph J. Lusardi and Gaston Di Bello were elected to membership.

The speaker was Floyd B. Newell. His subject was "Coin Topics." Mr. Newell has hundreds of slides on all subjects pertaining to numismatics. Lists covering 32 subjects, were distributed.

Exhibits:

Herbert W. VandenBrul: 3 Srang of Tibet 1937, 11th year of 60th cycle.

George J. Bauer: Roman imperial medallions - Commodus, from the Bement collection, No. 1124; Otacilla with Philipp

and her son on the reverse; Trajan Decius and also Etrucilla his wife - all very rare.

Charles J. Ricard: 50 cents, 1, 2 and 5 francs of the Congo Free States, Leopold II of Belgium 1887 unc.

Dr. John M. MacMillan: \$2 and \$5 of the Bank of Clifton 1861 unc.; \$5 of the Colonial Bank of Canada 1859 unc.

John J. Pittman: Sweden, 1642 to 1952, 100 crown size silver coins.

Robert M. Roecker: \$10 gold of Canada 1914.

William A. Elston, Jr.: Monticello wooden money, two bits, Dec. 1938, 3 1/2 inches in diameter, struck on plywood.

John W. Sloane: U. S. dollar silver of 1799 V.F.

Herbert F. Chapin: Complete set of U. S. peace dollars 1921 to 1935 unc.

- MRS. STELLA OSTERMAN,
Secretary

THE ROCHESTER JR. NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

- Our meetings are still being held the third Friday of the month with an active membership of 50. Every meeting is well attended with over 30 members and visitors present.

Each month the speaker of the evening is one of the members. In February Paul Brach talked on "Canadian Fractional Currency and Early Five-cent Pieces." Six members from the senior club had a panel to discuss and answer questions.

Our annual "Parents Night" will be held in March. W. S. Thomas, the curator of the museum, and members of the senior club will speak. This meeting is always well attended. Last year there were over 100 present.

At each meeting the boys hold an auction, door prizes are awarded, slides shown and sometimes refreshments are served.

- ROBERT W. STALKER,
Secretary

ST. PETERSBURG COIN CLUB - 40th meeting was held Feb. 18 at Florida Power Home Service Center, St. Petersburg, Fla.; 53 persons attended. New member accepted was Doctor Basil Martin.

Alfred E. Bannister reported 22 tickets sold to date for the annual banquet. Myron Schumacher will be our member speaker. The Clearwater and Tampa Coin Clubs have been notified and invited to join us.

Life membership was discussed, Mr. Schumacher volunteering to look into the pros and cons of the matter.

Past President LeSan was presented with a memorial plaque for his services to the club during 1954.

Alfred E. Bannister gave a talk, illustrated by five of his own rare specimens of Parthian coins.

Vice President Dick Albaugh read the answers to a true or false questionnaire.

- MRS. ROMA BALDINGER,
Secretary Pro Tem

SAN DIEGO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

- The 18th annual dinner and installation of officers was held Jan. 22 at the San Diego Women's Club. There were 118 guests and members present. This was the largest attendance in the history of our club. Some of the out-of-town guests were: Don O. Sherer, Phoenix, Ariz.; Mr. and Mrs. Sam J. Kabealo, Pasadena; Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Wilson, Los Angeles; Mr. and Mrs. Abe Kosoff, Encino; Mr.

and Mrs. Herbert Feinberg, San Bernardino; Mr. and Mrs. John C. Yribarne, Redlands.

The speaker was Don Sherer. He spoke about National Coin Week for 1955. Mr. Sherer in his talk mentioned the grading system used in judging coin displays and gave information on how to make better and more efficient displays.

Harry Bouchard, the master of ceremonies, presented the outgoing president, Arthur J. Vigneault, with a plaque in appreciation of his services for 1953 and 1954. Atwood MacDonald presented the outgoing secretary, Francis S. Jones, with a bound volume of the S. D. N. S. for the years 1953 and 1954 in appreciation for his services during those years.

Dr. Ray Wilson installed the new officers in a short, but impressive ceremony. They are:

President: James J. Andersen
Vice President: Walter C. Luttmer
Secretary: Lyle L. Gordon
Treasurer: Paul Hamm
Board of Governors: Douglas Fischer

A judging committee composed of Harry S. Davidson, Abe Kosoff and Sam Kabealo judged the many displays of the evening and awarded the following: 1st, Francis S. Jones for U. S. type set; U. S. proofs; wooden nickels; Queen Elizabeth II Coronation coins. 2nd, Dr. Bruce Wallace for crowns, Chinese dollars, large, Indian and Lincoln cents, Liberty and Buffalo nickels, half cents, 2c pieces, dollars, U. S. proofs, Greek and Roman bronze and silver, and U. S. commemorative medals. 3rd, Tom Ward for his series of Roman brockages, each accompanied by an equivalent coin. 4th, Frank Hernandez for his extremely large display of crowns of the world, over 1,700 specimens. A special award was given to Leonel Panosh for his display "Money Is Funny," which consisted of odd and curious money with poetic comments.

Other displays were:

James Andersen: Plastic U. S. flag with commemorative half dollars set in the stars.

Bill Bell: Transparencies of Biblical coins mounted in a cabinet and illuminated.

Olav Berghli: Indian and Lincoln cents, standing Liberty and Washington quarters; civil war cents.

Karl Brainard: \$2.50 gold pieces, U. S. commemorative gold.

Eugene Cooper: Medals of the Society of Medalists.

Don Daly: U. S. gold type set, U. S. proofs.

Harry Davidson: U. S. gold type set.

Mildred Fischer: Coins of Panama.

Eugene Johnston: Gold coins of the world.

Irving Knickerbocker: U. S. gold, commemorative gold, minor U. S. and Chinese odd shaped coins.

Atwood MacDonald: Comprehensive collection of transportation tokens, patterns and coins of historical importance.

Arthur Vigneault: Broken bank and Confederate bills.

— LYLE L. GORDON,
Secretary

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY COIN CLUB—On the evening of Feb. 21 our president, George Baude, called the 41st meeting to order with 55 present.

Pres. Baude announced the directors had held their monthly meeting on Jan. 31, at which time they decided to have two special meetings during the year.

The first will be June 20. At that time the auction will consist of gold and uncirculated coins. And particular stress will be given to an outstanding program that may be of interest to all present. The second of these meetings will be in the late fall.

Three were accepted into membership: Mrs. Howard Stolper, George Olsen, and F. Edward Thomas.

Howard Stolper introduced the speaker for the evening, Carl Stanton, attorney. His subject was Roman coins which Mr. Stanton made particularly interesting by interspersing bits of Roman history with the showing and history of the coins.

Before the meeting adjourned for refreshments Howard Stolper presented our past president, Lester Wollard, with a plaque for his exceptional accomplishments in 1954.

— NELLIE G. LEWIS,
Secretary

SAN GABRIEL VALLEY COIN CLUB

—The 35th regular meeting was called to order Feb. 16 at the Green Hotel, Pasadena, Calif., by Pres. McCormac. Thirty-two members and guests were present.

The following were elected for 1955:

President: Robert Williams

Vice President: Robert O'Brien

Recording Secretary: Mrs. F. Yasulaitus

Correspondence Secretary: Ralph Graves

Treasurer: F. V. Frey

Board of Governors: George Bennett, Charles E. Mason, M. H. Bolender, Dan Sheets, I. N. Sanders

Exhibits:

Mr. O'Brien: Siamese porcelain coins, five varieties.

Mr. Guymon: 1936 proof set, his recent purchase.

Mr. Sanders: 1873-CC quarter with arrows, VF.

Mr. Williams: Large cent of 1845; 1918 quarter, picked out of circulation.

Mr. Graves: Gold quarter eagle, North Carolina, Bechtler issue, fine state.

Mr. Reberry: 1936 buffalo nickel, hand-made 3 legged; \$5 bank note of Orange, California.

Mr. Viner: 1945 Mexican pesos 50 unc.

Charles Mason: 1903 br. unc. quarter eagle.

Mr. Bolender: Currency from the King Farouk collection; \$50 legal tender of 1862; \$100 series 1890 "Watermelon" note; educational silver certificate for \$2; pattern dollars 1870 in copper; 1879 famous "School girl" dollar, record \$550; 1923-S br. unc. quarter with full head; 1918/17 extra fine quarter; gold eagle of 1804.

Mr. Helden: Types of nickel 5c in plastic; types of nickel 5c proof coins in plastic.

— I. NEWTON SANDERS,
Correspondence Secretary

SAN JOSE COIN CLUB—Following a dinner celebrating the 100th meeting of the club on Feb. 7, Pres. A. Warburton called a short business meeting of 37 members and guests to order at the Town House Restaurant.

Vice Pres. Roy Hill introduced the first guest speaker of the evening, Leslie Lenz of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco and head of its secret service dept. Mr. Lenz spoke on "counterfeit Currency" explaining the differences in the functions of the F.B.I. and the secret service, the difference between counter-

feiters of the depression days and today, counterfeiters' methods of making facsimiles of bills and of passing fakes, as well as methods used to trail counterfeit bills back to their sources.

Kenneth Peterson, also of the Federal Reserve Bank, who is head of the cash dept. and organizer of its detection staff, spoke on the bank's checking of margin controls and preserving the intrinsic value of our money. He explained the three different types of U. S. currency extant and methods used by trained sorters for verification and detection of any of its counterfeiters.

Mr. Lenz and Mr. Peterson distributed detection bulletins to those present and gave a fine exhibit of counterfeit bills and a demonstration of light detection of fakes.

Next Pres. Warburton introduced displays and talks by the following: Roy Hill, old books on counterfeit detection including coins and bonds, and Boy Scout Merit Badge book on coin collecting; George Hodges, currency from fractionals to horse blankets, and explanation of the symbols on paper money. Mr. Kohl gave a synopsis of club history and spoke about its first five presidents including Mrs. Douglas Smith, Mrs. Helen Pearson, Syl C. Tully, Jr., Rudy Gjurovich, and C. V. Kappen.

— BEVERLY GAYLE SMITH,
Secretary

TRIPLE CITIES COIN CLUB—The 151st meeting was held Feb. 8 at the Binghamton, N. Y., Y. M. C. A.

The meeting was called to order by Vice President B. H. O'Connell. A discussion followed regarding a change in the day of our monthly meetings, but the second Tuesday of each month remains as our meeting night.

An auction was conducted by James F. Ruddy, who also showed some new type proof holders and his collection of Liberty standing quarters.

— JAMES F. RUDDY,
Secretary

UNCAS NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION—The 41st meeting was held Feb. 2 at the Pastors Study, Otis Library, Norwich, Conn.

Exhibits:

Harry Schatz: Paper money.

L. P. Gracey: \$5 bill, Portland, Maine, bank.

John A. Kennedy: Silver dollars of the 1880s and some Chinese bank notes.

George Hoxie: 1798 Lg. cent, Sheldon 175.

Lillian Hoxie: 1817-15 star variety, 1g. cent.

Roy Bauer: Paperweight depicting decadrachm of Athens, 500 B.C.; an imitation of a \$50 gold slug of California.

John J. Tautkus: 1883 shield type nickel w/o rays; also an 1835 half dime. Abraham Slopak: Detector.

Dr. E. W. W. Lewis, March, 1862, \$10 note, Chittenden and Spinner; Nov. 1863, First National Bank of Ellenville, N. Y., Chittenden and Spinner \$10 bill, March 1917 Canadian \$1; Jan. 1935, Royal Bank of Canada, \$10 gold back, June 1923 Canadian \$2; Jan. 1877, Bank of Prince Edward Is. \$2.

Philip Howard was admitted to membership.

— LILLIAN B. HOXIE,
Secretary

WAYNE COUNTY COIN CLUB—Meeting was held Feb. 24 in the Wayne

County courthouse with 15 members and guests present and Robert Jameson in the chair.

Plans were discussed for the Quad-City Coin Club's spring convention to be held in Wooster, Ohio, May 22nd, with the Wayne County club acting as host.

Feature was our first Dutch auction, to which each member brought his own lots and cried his own sale. A widely varied assortment of colonial, foreign, and U. S. numismatic materials changed hands to everyone's satisfaction and it was agreed that such a program would be held again in the future.

We meet the 4th Thursday of each month at 8 p.m., usually in the courtroom of the Wayne County courthouse in Wooster, Ohio. Anyone with an interest in numismatics is invited to attend.

— LYMAN TUCKER,
Secretary

WEST BRONX STAMP AND COIN

CLUB—The annual election took place on Jan. 20, 1955 at the Griddle Restaurant and was attended by 69 members and guests. The following officers were elected unanimously:

President: Ben Browner

1st Vice President: Murray Levin

2nd Vice President: Bryant Campbell

Rec. Secretary: George E. Meyer

Fin. Secretary: Sy Masur

Club Correspondent: Phil Rosenbaum

Treasurer: James Kastenbaum

Sgts. at Arms: Bert Rock and Richard Harburger

Exhibits:

P. Rosenbaum: Set of Proofs 1936-54.

B. Rock: 2c and 3c collection.

G. E. Meyer: 1875 gold sovereign.

I. Schechter: Complete ½c collection.

S. Wiznia: Complete Israel collection.

E. Buchwald: Commemorative ½ dollars.

R. Harburger: Early ½ dollars.

J. Kastenbaum: Buffalo nickels.

S. Masur: English coronation set.

D. Matas: Complete S.L. quarters.

A. Samuels: 1950 proof set.

L. Kravitz: Set of silver dollars.

L. Wolfe: Complete Lincoln set.

T. L. Schnur: Unc. foreign crowns.

I. Davidoff: Silver dollars.

We meet every Thursday night at 8 p.m., Griddle Restaurant, 170 St. near Jerome Ave. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

— GEORGE E. MEYER,
Rec. Secretary

WEST TENNESSEE NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

—The fourth meeting was held Feb. 7 in the National Bank of Commerce at Jackson, with 26 members and guests in attendance. Pres. H. Leroy Pope was in the chair. Librarian J. W. Boulton announced the donation of several numismatic books and publications to the society library.

It was decided by unanimous consent to hold an auction at the March meeting of the society and the chair appointed the secretary to act as auctioneer.

Sgt. John Paul Butler gave a most interesting discussion of Japanese money and illustrated his talk with the Japanese section of his outstanding Oriental collection. Specimens were shown ranging from about 50 B.C. to date, and included stone and tree money and silver and gold obans, in addition to coins of all periods. Included in his collection is a unique silver oban from Kosu Province. He also exhibited a very rare copy of *Coins of Japan* by Neil Gordon

Monroe, published in 1904 in Yokohama. Several other exhibits were shown by members. James L. Borroum of Corinth, Mississippi, was named to discuss U. S. gold and gold certificates at the March meeting.

— J. LOUIS ADAMS,
Secretary

WESTCHESTER COUNTY COIN CLUB

— The 247th meeting was called to order by Pres. Massey at the New Rochelle Y.M.C.A. Feb. 15; 15 members were present.

Two papers were read by Ken Marsden: "Fritz, the Currency Hound" and "Fritz, the Little Numismatist." Both were about a dog that found money and destroyed money.

Topic of the evening was U. S. 20 cent pieces, items of Lincoln and Washington, coins, medals.

Exhibits:

Saul Bellus: Commemorative rubles of Russia, 1912, statue of Alex. III, 1912, Napoleon defeat and 1913, 3rd centenary of the Romanoff rule.

Mrs. Cameron: Souvenir of the golden carnival of General Motors.

R. Gallo: Hard times tokens.

W. Judson: Roman silver denarius, 2 Greek silver drachma, and one silver coin of Messina.

K. L. Marsden: Fifteen medals and tokens of George Washington.

J. E. Massey: Three Washington medals, 2 Lincoln medals, and a 20 cent piece 1876.

W. Pearson: 50c of 1822, 1829, 1830, 1831, 1859-O, and 1869.

H. L. Shank: Gold type set, Edward VII, Great Britain unc.

E. Weidhaas: Legal paper with Lincoln autographs dated March 1844, and Jan. 20, 1865 in reference to order prohibiting export of hay; book of Lincoln obsequies in New York City.

Mrs. Weidhaas: Miniature Lincoln book, half inch by one inch, several Lincoln medals and Lincoln photograph by Brady.

— EDDYTHE J. MAHONY,
Secretary

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

— The regular monthly meeting was held Feb. 1. The meeting was held in the Museum Library with Mr. DeVos presiding. There were 11 members present.

Dr. Gillis gave an interesting talk about maundy money of which he also exhibited a large collection.

Exhibits:

Mr. Coatsworth: U. S. half dimes, 1929-1845.

Mr. Piper: 11 medals.

Mr. Woodside: 22 early English, Scottish and Irish pennies.

Mr. Kachmar: 7 sets of maundy money.

— JOHN S. KACHMAR,
Secretary

WESTERN RESERVE NUMISMATIC CLUB

— The 408th meeting was held at the Hotel Carter Feb. 9th, Russel Poxon presiding. There were 33 present.

Exhibits:

Mr. Lucas: Small Lincoln medals, broken bank bills, coins current during Civil War, 1857 cent unc. in original case, and a 1909 Lincoln cent.

Mr. Oblisk: Washington comm. coins, also an antique watch perhaps carried during the Civil War.

Dr. Sargis: Medal of Washington crossing the Delaware; bills, with pictures of Jackson, Lincoln, Grant, Garfield, Harrison, Cleveland and McKinley, two coins, Alexander 4th counterstamped.

Mr. Rosenthal: Lincoln and Washington medals; also two etchings of Lincoln by Brenner.

Mr. Kolman: Private issue of gold, Nuremberg, by Jos. Wild.

Mr. Drawing: U. S. 1954 proof sets compared with a 39 piece set, aluminum, Nuremberg — Furth railway tokens, in value and historical interest.

Mr. Drew: Ten types of U. S. dollars: 1797 bust, 1799 heraldic, 1836 Gobrecht, 1776 centennial, 1846 Liberty seated, 1878 trade, 1891 Morgan, 1900 Lafayette, 1921 Peace and 1920 Wilson from Manila mint.

After an auction of 52 lots the meeting was adjourned.

— FRED N. HAHLEN,
Secretary

WICHITA COIN CLUB — The February meeting was held in Wolf's cafeteria. The meeting was called to order by Pres. Craig, 33 present.

Mr. Cooley invited all to his house on February 13, to see his collection of coins and gems.

Three new members joined the club. A.N.A. set of slides of Confederate money were shown by Mr. Reagan.

The next meeting will honor Junior members. They are to bring their own collections for display.

At future meetings two members will bring their collections and give five minute talks on how and why they started collecting coins.

— MARGARET K. CRON,
Secretary

WORCESTER COUNTY NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

— The meeting was held at the Worcester Historical Society Building on Feb. 11. In spite of poor weather conditions, 55 members and guests attended. Pres. Elvin Eagles opened the meeting and welcomed those present.

Mr. John Kittredge, Vice President, announced that he had purchased book cases, to be kept at the place of meeting, for the increasing library of the club. They will be set up and ready for use at the March meeting.

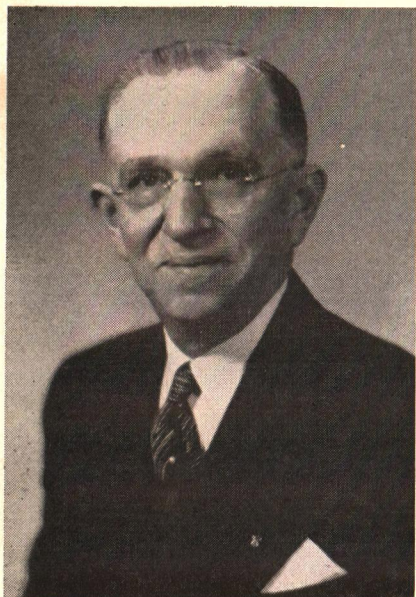
Display month was held at the February meeting in Warren, Mass. and it was announced that John Kittredge had won first prize for his display of coins at the Tri-County Coin Club in Warren. He also showed his coins, which were attributed with a short description of each. The coins began with a medieval denier, issued about 1050 A.D. This is followed by the matapané and soldino of the 13th and 14th centuries. It also included the grosso of the 15th century. About the end of the 16th century, the crown or dollar size coins were minted, and the Venetians issued scudo della croce and ducato d'argento, which are about dollar size coins. There were also specimens of the zecchino from the 15th to the 18th centuries.

Miss Asaline Kalil and Ronald Ahlsstrom were voted in as new members.

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— EUGENE J. DRAGON,
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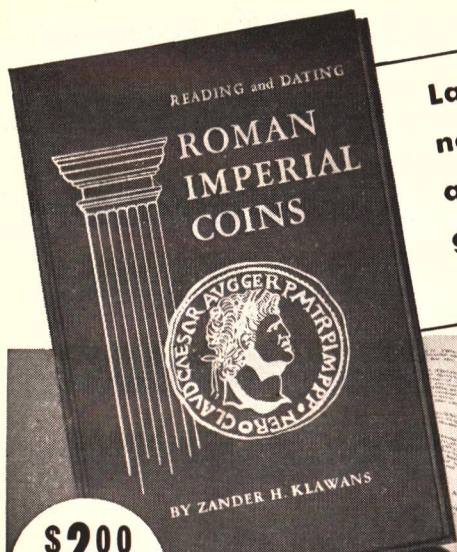
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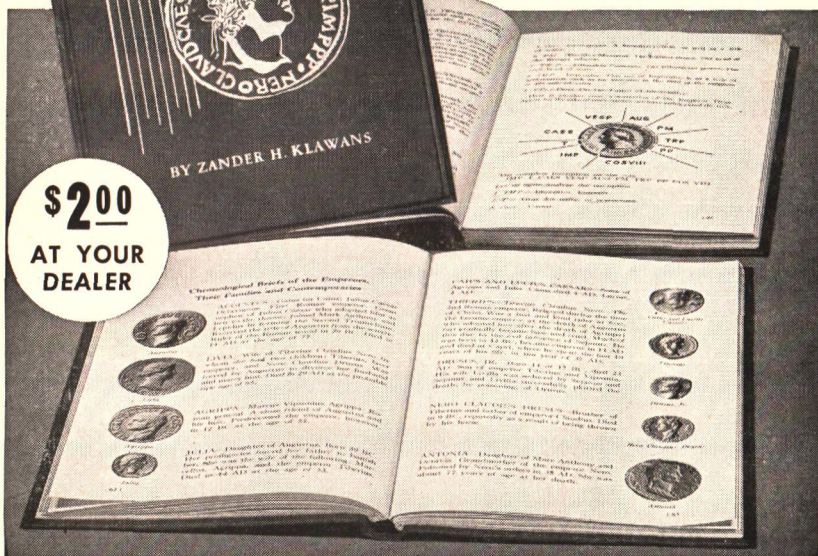
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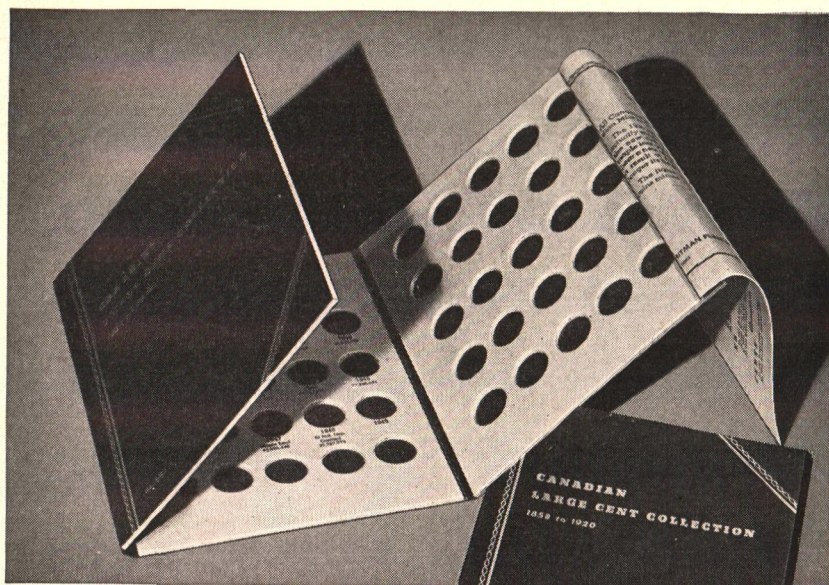
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HOW ABOUT YOU?

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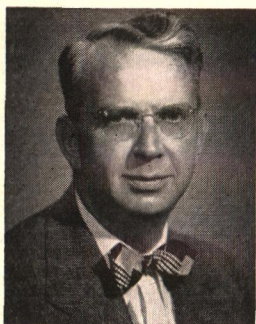
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I have recently spent a week in Pittsburgh with Mr. Marlier, investigating and buying this large collection. My present estimate says there are somewhere around ten thousand coins, with a vast majority in choice condition grades. Covering nearly all Countries and all periods except Ancient Rome and Greece, and the United States (Mr. Marlier sold his U. S. Series some years ago); I may find some nice U. S. to go with it, though.

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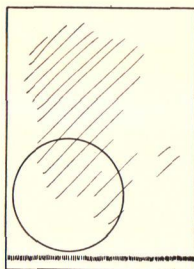
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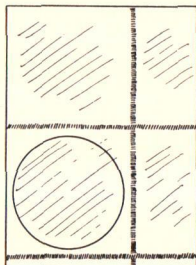
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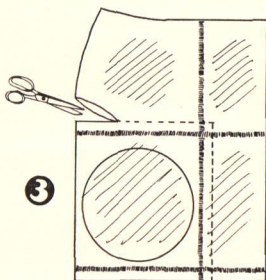


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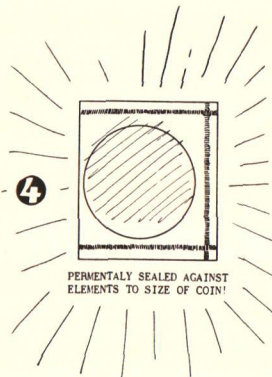


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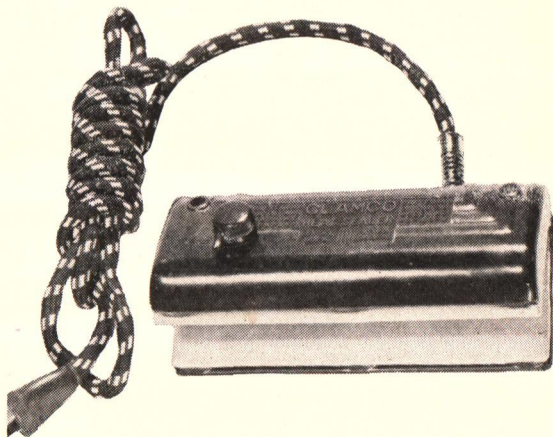
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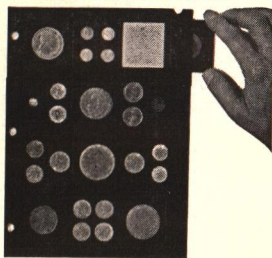
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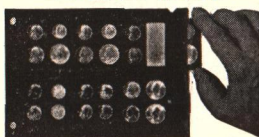
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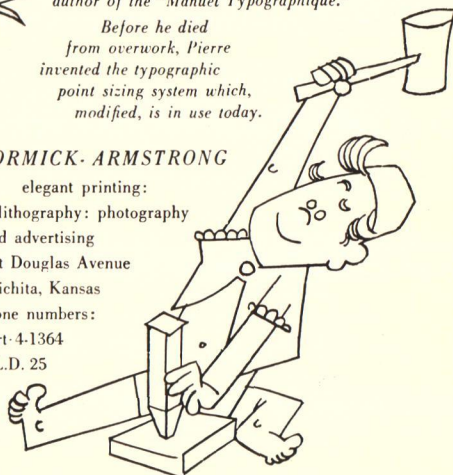
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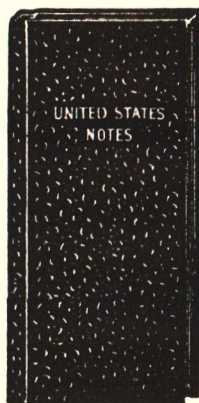
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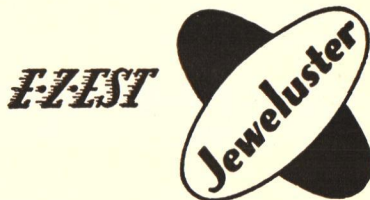
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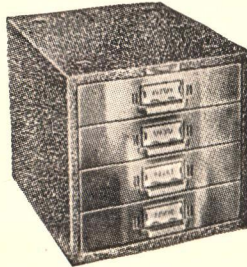
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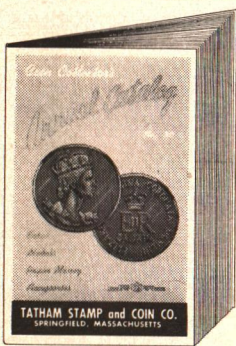
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